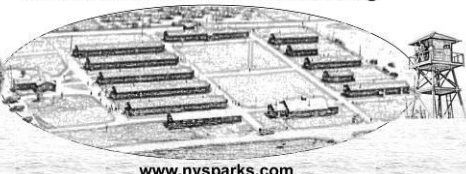


# FRIENDS OF HAMLIN BEACH STATE PARK

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**October 10, 2012**

\*Attendees: Jason Baxter, Bunnie Beardsley, Sherry Dobson, Jackie Galle, Mary Ann Hurlbut, Jeanine Klopp, Eileen & Ralph Preston, Don & Linda Rabjohn, Mary Smith, Dave Walch, Fred Dean, Jay Bailey, Sarah Bohn & daughter (new members), Patti Sullivan (note taker)

\*Note: I lost the attendance list so let me know if there are any errors or omissions here

## Treasurer's report

- 54.24 deposit – Imagine It
- **\$3,482.63** current balance

## October 14th Work Day 1:00-4:00 CCC/POW Camp

### Info from Jay

- Sarah, a park employee, attended and is interested in becoming a member of our group. Thank you Sarah for the donuts and cider. Welcome!
- UPDATE: Zombie race was cancelled.
- If anyone has pictures send them to [FOHBSP@gmail.com](mailto:FOHBSP@gmail.com) and Patti will post them on the Facebook page.
- Camping closed the weekend of October 13-14.
- Campground will be closed to all public access starting Monday, October 15 until May because they will be doing extensive electrical work and digging trenches.
- Jay needs a key to the kiosk; the Friends group will be responsible for updating the info. Linda Rabjohn will hold a key and work on keeping it updated.
- Jay showed us a picture of what work is going to be done on the campsites. 90 sites will have 50 amp service, the rest will have 30 amp. All site pads will be redressed and all camping loops will be paved. Targeted completion date of May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Below are some of the **area development plan highlights** – work will progress as funding allows.

- West Park
  - Area 5 – remove  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the existing parking lot
  - Cabin colony to be constructed on eastern portion of previous parking lot with 6-10 cabins
  - New picnic area with small pavilions on western part
  - Redo remaining parking lot with porous pavement to reduce runoff and improve infiltration
  - Create observation platform at existing retaining wall.
  - Area 6 (Devil's Nose)
    - Increase native vegetation at existing Devil's Nose to reduce erosion
    - Create trails that will provide controlled access to Devil's Nose – these trails will be constructed to meet accessibility standards
    - Create two observation points
    - Close existing informal trail

- Park Entry
  - Redesign the Park Entrance / Lake Ontario State Parkway interchange
  - Create a new trail to Yanty Creek and Howden Pond with the installation of a pedestrian bridge
  - Add a new boat access (hand launch) for the creek and the pond
- Yanty Marsh Complex
  - Includes the east woods, boat launch, and seasonal pond
  - Create a pond in wet area by utilizing the existing weir box
  - Extend the existing pond area trail so it ends near the toll booth
  - Boat launch area to have 15 parking spaces
  - Refurbish kiosk
  - Rehab the car top boat launch with concrete ramp and bollards
  - Build a gazebo
  - Refurbish current trail, replace bridges, renovate overlooks
  - Howden Pond – future dock with boat rentals and accessible fishing platform
- CCC/POW camp
  - Remove dump area
  - New parking area by kiosk
  - New traffic flow pattern with a larger parking lot on the site of the demolished barn
  - Grant use of the house and two smaller buildings to Friends through a cooperative agreement
  - State Historic Preservation Office (SHiPO) will determine what needs to be done to the house to store historical documents and artifacts
  - Increase interpretive signage

#### **Ed's info:**

- Ed, Nick and Dan were not in attendance because they were giving a presentation at the Adirondack Club meeting in Rochester. Bunnie shared some information from Ed. Another former POW, Gottfried, contacted our group and Ed was able to email information to him and also sent packages. Gottfried sent original artifacts to Ed. Ed discovered that both of our POW contacts live near each other; they were able to meet and share memories of their Hamlin days..
- Ed and Nick were able to meet Gottfried's grandson in Toronto for a few hours. Bunny passed around color photos from Matthias (Gottfried's grandson). Gottfried lived at the Hamlin POW camp about 1 ½ years which was unusual, most prisoners were moved around. She shared several stories that Ed learned from Gottfried.
- Thank you to Don Rabjohn for the excellent restoration of an old park bench that was found in the rafters of the garage at the CCC/POW site. There's a date on the bench from 1933. The bench is now near the kiosk at the CCC/POW camp.
- A two hour presentation was given at Trinity Lutheran Church, Spencerport.

#### **Bird Count**

Jackie and a few friends check 36 birdhouses about once a week. There have been 122 fledglings Bluebirds, 43 Tree Swallows, 6+ Wrens. This has been a very successful project. Thanks to this team for helping bring the Bluebirds back to our park!

**Hamlin Heritage Day** – We received 7 dollars in donations, Ed Evans received an honorary award for his dedication and work on Hamlin projects. Thanks to Jackie, Nick and Sherry for participating at this event.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15. Next meeting November 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 Park Office