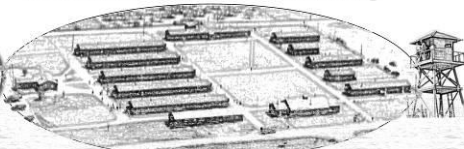


FRIENDS OF HAMLIN BEACH STATE PARK

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Attendance – Nick Kramer, Joshua Perks, Linda Rabjohn, Jeanine Klopp, Patti Sullivan (note taker), Don Rabjohn, Jackie Galle, Jason Baxter, Bunnie Beardsley, Dave Walsch, Ed Evans, Joshua Payette

Earth Day – April 20th, 9:00 – 3:00

Tops grocery store has mini apple pies that cost \$1.00 retail. We are hoping they will donate some so we can sell them at Earth Day as a fund raiser for the Friends group.

Treasurer Report

Restricted fund - grant	\$1,000.00
Unrestricted fund	\$1,933.93
Deposits:	\$ 150.00
Expenses:	(\$ 46.00)
Balance	<u>\$ 3,037.93</u>



Ed's Updates

- Dan is willing to buy shingles for a metal roof to put on the garage. This might be a good project for an Eagle scout. Update: A different project was given to the scout; more info will be shared at our next meeting.
- The Moscow Road house qualifies for the National Historic Registry. Due to this designation we will need an archeological study to put the ditch in for the water line; this pushed back the timeline for installing the water.
- Sue Evans created a painting of Howden Pond that will hang in the house. A print was given to Marty Howden and Nick Kramer. Thanks Sue for your beautiful art work!
- We need furniture for the house: small desk, old farmhouse kitchen tables, bulletin board (Park is willing to donate), desk items like pen/pencil holder, etc.
- 75% of our historical items are now in the house.
- The sandstone wall is now completed and used about 43 tons rock. Thanks Nick for making it look professional.
- Ed received a new booklet from Germany; this is updated version #2 from Gottfried (prisoner #2)
- The Niagara Gazette had an article shared by Gretchen Dueling; Gretchen is the one who connected Ed and Prisoner #1. You can find this article by going online to the Niagara Gazette and search for "Duling". <http://niagara-gazette.com/communities/x681308869/YOUNGSTOWN-Former-POW-returns-to-Niagara>
- A Brockport HS teacher mentioned the CCC program and the Hamlin connection. One of his students and her dad worked at our CCC camp to find the perimeter wire on the north side of the camp. She is going to share info about the camp and Ed may offer a talk.

- Some Albion students will be coming to the CCC camp to help with field work.
- Kurt Kreckle – A German POW survivor currently lives in Fairport; he was imprisoned in southern Germany. His story is dramatically different from those in the Hamlin camp. There was no shelter and no medical help, prisoners ate out of troughs. Kurt was down to 67 pounds and contracted Typhoid. Ed believes this was in retaliation to how General Eisenhower found Dachau.

Tech Update

Our website, Facebook page, and email are being accessed by many non-Friends members. This is improving our visibility to a wider audience.

- High school Eagle Scout contacted us to do a park project
- Sharing of pictures by people who have visited the park
- Application requests for Earth Day
- Volunteers seeking info to join our group
- Interest in the beach cleanup from SUNY Brockport students



Round table

- Earth Day report from Jeanine
 - Group agreed to approve press releases (free) and pay for a follow up ad thanking our sponsors. This will decrease our advertising costs from last year.
 - 24 vendors are requesting tables so far so we should have a full house.
- Linda – There have been reports from the park staff that some people are abusing their use of Shelter 1. It's great they are using the shelter but people are going to the maintenance shed and taking wood. Sometimes people are over extending their welcome and other visitors feel unwelcome. This is just a heads up for the group.
- Josh will send a PDF of the updated plans for the campground so Jason can post it on the website.
- Linda reported there have been many positive responses from local businesses with donations for I Love My Park Day. Tops has 15-20 volunteers and will also donate food; Home Depot donated materials; Wegmans gave us a \$100 gift card; Lakeshore Luxuries has been very generous with many donations. We are lucky to live in such a generous community!

Upcoming Events

- Earth Day – April 20th, 9:00 – 3:00
- I Love My Park Day - May 4th, 9:00 - 1:00
- Wheel Fest – June 1st

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 10 @ 7:00 (Executive Board and Trustees meet at 6:30)