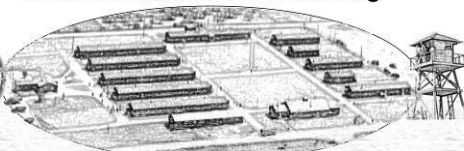


# FRIENDS OF HAMLIN BEACH STATE PARK

www.friendsofhamlinbeach.org

1 Camp Road Hamlin, NY 14464



www.nysparks.com

(585) 964-2462

**April 10, 2013**

Attendees: Dave Walch, Linda & Don Rabjohn, Patti Sullivan, Eileen & Ralph Preston, Nick Kramer, Maryanne Hurlbut, Jeanine Klopp, Jackie Galle, Gert Hauck, Sherry Dobson, Ed Evans, Jay Bailey (Park Manager II), Patti Sullivan (note taker).

## Treasurer Report

### 501(c)3 – tax exempt status

- Since we are now officially classified as 501(c)3 we must have a better control of finances; we are now a “business” . All donors need to be given a receipt and it must be recorded in order for the donors to be able to claim their donations as charity on their tax forms.
- When items need to be purchased, they must be approved by the Executive Board prior to purchase. A form will be given that needs to be taken to the store to prove tax exempt status.

### Current Funds

Restricted fund - grant	\$ 1,000.00
Unrestricted fund	<u>\$ 2,099.99</u>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$ 3,099.99</b>

**NYS Park Assistance Grant** –Eight Friends groups applied, the State accepted two. Unfortunately we weren't one of them but we can reapply next year. Thanks Linda, Jay, and Patti for your work on this. Genesee Valley Green Way may be willing to work with us to help us with some of our organizational needs.

### I Love My Park Day – May 4<sup>th</sup> 9:00-1:00

Last year a core group of Friends completed the beautiful work on the flower garden at Area 3. We were one of only a handful of parks that had a project in New York since that was a pilot year. Due to the success from last year that work has expanded to many more parks. With the amazing work that Linda Rabjohn and her committee have accomplished, we may now have one of the largest volunteer groups of any park in New York State! **(Jay said so!)** At last count there were well over 100 volunteers that have signed up to help us on May 4<sup>th</sup>. To make this work, we definitely need more Friends from the group to help out with the leadership part of this day. This could be anything from signing people in to delivering food and supplies to showing groups where their work area is. **Please consider helping us out** by contacting Linda Rabjohn by email at [RabjohnD@aol.com](mailto:RabjohnD@aol.com) or leave a message at the Park Office. 964-2462

**I LOVE**  
**MY PARK**  
days

Some other I Love My Park Day tidbits

- We have at least 10 sponsors donating food, materials and volunteers
- Park employees will pick up materials next week.
- Park employees will pre-cut different materials so volunteers can assemble them on I Love My Park Day. This is completely a collaborative work between the Park employees, the Friends group and community volunteers!
- We have nine projects – Area 3: 4 horseshoe courts, 2 benches, painting chain link fences around horseshoe courts, 2 planters on both ends of the kiosk, 4 flower beds against the wall (2 existing and 2 new areas), raft of seedling trees to plant (I think I heard Jay say 300 or 900? Either way – we need help!), general clean up in Area 3.
- The projects have been organized by teams. **We need YOU!** Home Depot will work on the stage foundation. Horseshoe courts and score towers will be constructed by Lakeshore Luxuries. TOPS people are planting trees. Dianne Norton is bringing 40 Girl Scouts (GO GIRLS!) and will also help with trees and general clean up. Important: I Love My Park Day is **the big event for the Friends group** so we need people to be involved. The following list is fluid, please consider helping us out.
  - Dave W will lead the tree planting and general area clean up
  - Registration – Maryanne H, Eileen P and Patti S. State is providing T-shirts
  - Benches Assembly and 2 planters – Ralph P
  - Stage Canopy – Ralph P and Don R as liaison for Home Depot
  - CCC cleanup – Nick K – work with Fred Dean and Young Democrats group
  - Horseshoe courts etc. – Don R
  - Shelter area – Sherry organizer - to advertise the Friends group for after the work is done. Eat at shelter and also have display. Ed could have a table about CCC camp also.
  - Pizza transport – Bunny organizing, MaryAnn and Patti will pick up pizzas.
  - Ralph Preston will call members not at the meeting to see if they can help
  - **Work day on Friday, May 3rd – 10:00-2:00 – cleaning shelter, put up signs** (This is another area where we could use help).
  - Pictures – hopefully Jason B can help out. Patti can get a few at her work areas.

### **Earth Day – April 20<sup>th</sup> 9:00 – 3:00**

We had a solid turnout in spite of the cold weather. Below were some of the events. Pictures will be posted on the Facebook page soon and may already be there. We will get an update at the next meeting. We had many wonderful vendors this year and a nice diversity of exhibits.

- Lyons Club offered food
- 15 exhibitors shelter 3, a few outside
- Emerald Ash Borer presentation by Josh Payette, Park Manager I – great job Josh!
- Jim Lugert – bluebird houses
- 5 car dealers with energy efficient cars
- Trees donated by Conservation Board
- CCC tour at end of day
- Brockport radio station
- Beach cleanup by two groups



## Ed's Updates

- 10 Albion students will help pick up sticks at the CCC Camp on April 19<sup>th</sup> as part of the presentations Ed gave at the school.
- 2 old US mess hall forks were donated
- Presentation at Brighton Faith Lutheran church, about 40 attended.
- Ray Klafehn lived 7 miles from POW camp and saw them shoveling snow off the train tracks near Duffy Motts. (And I thought my driveway was long...)
- Samuel Vitello attended a talk in Greece; he gave Ed 75 pictures of a CCC camp in Tennessee. Our connections keep growing due to Ed's outreach!
- Gottfried's grandson will be in Canada May 2. Some Friends members will go get him and give him a tour of the POW camp his grandfather lived in. Town Supervisor is creating a resolution thanking Gottfried for all his efforts on this historical site.



Meeting adjourned 8:35

## Upcoming Events

- I Love My Park Day - May 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 - 1:00
- Wheel Fest – June 1st

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, May 8th @ 7:00 (Executive Board and Trustees meet at 6:30)

## **NEWS - Hot Off the Press! Visitor from Germany**

It's amazing the connections that have been made between our group and Germany via the POW Camp. Check this out and reply to Bunny Beardsley ASAP so she has a head count. I seriously need to retire so I can be a part of all of this!



On **Thursday, May 2nd**, *Gottfried's grandson Andreas will be visiting Hamlin Beach State Park and the CCC/POW site* to see where his

grandfather lived and worked for a year and a half as a German prisoner of war. Andreas is touring the U.S and Canada which presents the opportunity for this meeting. He will be picked up in Niagara Falls at 10:00 a.m arriving at the Park for lunch at noon. Ed will take him on a tour of the camp and surrounding area before the return trip to the Falls.

Could you extend an invitation to our "Friends" for ***lunch in Shelter 1 at noon*** that day. We will have pizza and wings prior to the tour. ***I will need a count by Wednesday, May 1st*** and can be reached by email, [bunbeardsley@yahoo.com](mailto:bunbeardsley@yahoo.com) or 964-3654.