

FRIENDS OF HAMLIN BEACH STATE PARK

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December 4, 2013

Attendees: Eileen & Ralph Preston, Nick Kramer, Linda & Don Rabjohn, Patti Sullivan (note taker), Jeanine Klopp, Holly & Dale Jennejahn, Ed Evans, Sherry Dobson, Jay Bailey (Park Director)

Treasurer Report

Beginning Balance	\$3,757.11
Current Balance	3,648.89

Minutes correction: By Laws committee will **begin** meeting in April. J(eanine, Eileen, MaryAnne, and Nick).

Park Managers Report

- CCC house: RPZ will be put in the laundry room; washer & dryer hookups will be removed. This is a hold up but the project is still progressing.
- Electric will be put into the garage.
- A tarp will be put on the garage roof as a temporary fix. In the springtime shingles will be put on.
- Earth Day in the park is still on hold since its unknown who is participating; Hamlin Conservation board may not be purchasing tree seedlings or handing them out at Hamlin Beach. Other ideas are to have some sustainability activities during the year with seminars and project creation activities such as rain barrels, raised beds, etc.

Updates

- A free piano was donated. Thank you to Don, Ralph, Dale and another volunteer (?). It will be installed in the Area 1 Shelter. We can also put brochures on the piano. (Note: This has been completed! Thanks guys.)



I Love My Park Day – May 3rd

- We need someone to organize the event with Linda's support. This is a Friend's group project; without our leadership this will not happen. This is a great way to get involved; please step up to chair or co-chair.
- CCC Camp would be a great place to do a project. Jay will send the CCC development goals to Patti so they can be sent out to all members (resent with this newsletter). Please review the goals to come up with ideas to support the CCC/POW camp. This would increase visibility of the camp; we could also include a tour and offer free pizza.
- The dock at Howden Pond could possibly be installed.

Fund Raiser Ideas

- Wood sales
 - Downed trees from the CCC camp could be used to supply firewood. We could provide man power; the Park could provide the machinery. The Friends group may be able to provide the wood to the concessionaire who might be willing to sell the wood and donate some of the profits back to the Friends group.
 - Another idea is we could provide the bundles that the park could sell to people using the shelters during the off season. Nick, Dan and Ed will meet with Jay on getting wood ready.
 - The park can get us twine or we can see if we can get it donated.
- Linda showed her mug with the Hamlin Beach logo. Holly shared patches that they have collected from other parks during their camping trips. We could possibly sell these items to the concessionaire.

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CCC/POW Site - Ed Evans

- Ed is meeting with a Hilton gentleman to obtain pictures from the CCC camp.
- Ed has been reviewing old photos and gleaning new information.
- Bob Kruger, the current historian, has offered to let us scan the entire collection of pictures. It would be great to have a computer and scanner in the Moscow Road house in the future. We could also update Mary Smith's book and possibly sell it through Kindle. This would be another great project for the Friends group.
- The former CCC blacksmith's son has all the machinery that his Dad used in the CCC camp. He is also willing to pay for the construction of Barracks Number 3 which was used as both a CCC and POW residence. Unfortunately the park has not incorporated buildings into the plan for the park. The donor is willing to contact key officials to see if he can get this project moved forward. Wouldn't it be exciting to have a Blacksmith's shop with the original equipment at our CCC camp?

Meeting adjourned 8:39

Next Meeting: January 8th. Executive Board meets at 6:00, regular meeting starts at 7:00. All are welcome to the Executive Board meeting and the regular meeting.

The Site Development and Management Goals were attached via email. To save paper and postage, just the highlighted goals are included below for those who do not receive this letter via email. We will be discussing what projects we can work on for I Love My Park Day at the CCC camp.

- Uncover historic East-West streets and North-South roads and top with compressed fine crushed stone/stone dust and utilize the historic roads as trails to navigate through the site
 - Set overall traffic patterns through the site and regulate vehicular and pedestrian access to adjacent resources (i.e. Howden Pond)
- Place interpretive panels throughout the site as appropriate
 - Currently there are only two panels that have been produced for the site and more panels will likely be necessary to better interpret the site for visitors
- Place identification signs at the site of each building and delineate each buildings footprint in an attractive manner
- Install show pieces on site that require little maintenance and have high durability (possibilities to include CCC statue, Model section of barbed wire fence, reinstall the POW gate on the original posts, etc.)

