

FRIENDS OF HAMLIN BEACH STATE PARK

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Attendees: Eileen Preston, Linda & Don Rabjohn, Patti Sullivan, Jeanine Klopp, MaryAnn Hurlbutt, Bonnie Beardsley, Ed Evans, Janine Klopp, Nick Kramer, Holly & Dale Jennejahn, Roberta & Ron Fay (1st time attendees – woohoo!), Joshua Payette (Park Director)

Treasurer Report - \$3,740.89 (no income or expenses last month)

Park Managers Report

- Water lines were marked in front of the Moscow Road house
- Electric and light was installed in the garage
- Plowing has been kept up to date, even in the CCC camp
- The 2014 Park events is being finalized and will be published
- We will have Sustainability Day the end of May which will replace Earth Day. The focus will be on four different projects: raised bed gardening, zeer pot refrigeration (cooling food without electricity), rain water collection system (off the roof, probably at the recreation building, to water the garden), composting. All four projects will be support each other. What a cool concept!

I Love My Park Day – May 3rd

- I Love My Park Day is mandated by NY now! Aren't you glad we were one of the pioneer parks that showed what the power of many awesome volunteers can do to support our parks?
- Area 4 – We may add a bocce court and/or another horseshoe pit.
- Jeanine Klopp and Holly Jennejahn are willing to chair I Love My Park Day. Eileen will be back in April to also help. It will be critical that more people step up to work on sub-committees for each project.
- CCC camp ideas – Dig post holes at each building for signs, flattening mounds of dirt in the ground, grooming the saw mill site at the north end similar to rest of site (such as filling a ditch), clearing the south end so there's a 50 foot buffer (currently over 200 feet), flower beds around the house similar to the 30's, sidewalks, gardens that the POW's used... Note: Gary Leverenz lived there and may be willing to help. More ideas: Howden Pond dock installation, improve bridge to pond, more picnic tables and trash barrels, ...
- Jeanine, Holly, Linda, and Ed will meet with Jay to decide which the projects we will proceed with.

CCC/POW Site - Ed Evans

- Cooperation from the park is phenomenal. They are keeping a good eye on the CCC house, plowing the driveway, pushing the brush back and helping whenever we ask. Teamwork!
- Buzz built some simple bird houses and someone is keeping the bird houses filled with seed. Previously someone was hanging milk jugs with seeds so now they are filling the bird houses with their own seed.
- Firewood cutting – Ed, Nick, and Dan have been cutting wood to the correct lengths. We need someone to organize a group to run a splitter and bundle the wood to be sold now and hopefully later. Dale is willing to work on this.
- Ed would like to request we obtain a snow blower to keep in the kitchen of Shelter 1 so we could help with some of the smaller sidewalk plowing. We could also do a little snow plowing at the east end so visitors could see the ducks in the waterway.
- We need a pump in the basement of the CCC house in the future.
- Ed shared some old pictures with us of a picnic scene at the CCC camp.
- Ed bought a book about a Hamlin girl who went to Germany to visit and ended up stuck there through the war, Queen of Bremen. Sounds very interesting.
- Ed has an upcoming talk on February 8th.
- A Boy Scout wants to do an Eagle Scout Project at the CCC camp.
- The Albion teacher wants Ed to come back to present to the kids. It takes a ton of work to pull this off.

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- Dan Wilson bought a Skill saw for work at the CCC camp. He's also bought a heater. Thank you Dan for all you do and the money you have personally invested in the camp.
- Lovelock, Colorado – There was a recent report about a family that overturned their jeep in the desolate country and the family survived. The location is approximately where we have the picture of Jimmy Gincaterin (sp?) at approximately the same location.
- Nick Kramer shared that there are many famous buildings made from Medina sandstone (these are used to build all the buildings in the park). These stones have been used to construct buildings even in other countries. Ask Ed to see a copy of this interesting article.

Fund Raiser Ideas

Patches, magnets, mugs. We need to find out if we can sell items through the campground.

- Hamlin Junk Jamboree in August. Save your valuable "junk" so we can have a table to sell it. The Halin Recreation Department runs this event at the Town Hall.
- Cost is \$20 for a 15x15 table

Misc:

- The piano in Shelter 1 was already damaged; the front legs were broken off and thrown in the fire. ☹ An employee (Buzz) put some old table legs on the front. Thank you Buzz! The keys were also damaged. People are using the shelter, having picnics, building fires, playing the piano and having fun. It's great to see the shelter enjoyed. MaryAnn often goes in on Saturdays and Sundays around noon and puts wood on the fire.
- It costs 63 cents for an 8.5x11 brochure in color as is from Ryan's printing. Patti will find out how much it costs to print 200 copies of our brochure on 24 pound paper through the Graphics Art program at Hilton High School. In the future we will try for sponsorship of advertising on the brochure.

Meeting adjourned 8:58

Next Meeting: February 12th. Executive Board meets at 6:00, regular meeting starts at 7:00. All are welcome to the Executive Board meeting and the regular meeting.

