

# FRIENDS OF FINDLEY STATE PARK, INC.

## MINUTES March 3, 2009

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 by Bill Martin, President

Members present included Bill Martin, Chris Keltz, Bill and Laura Leitner, Hazel Pruitt, Bridget Derrick, Joe and Margaret Bedrick, Roger Nikiforow, and Denise Michalske.

Guest: Rick Adamson from the Buckeye Trail Association attended the meeting to inform us about a project their group has planned for the part of the Buckeye Trail that runs through the park. They noticed that there were sections in pretty bad shape last year, and that a bridge was needed on one area. They would like our group to help apply for a local grant to help with expenses, and also help in the construction of the bridge. The tentative date for the work party is Saturday, August 29 through Wednesday, September 2. The bridge is a definite project, and if funds and assistance allow, they will do more work some of the steeper parts of the trail.

Minutes from previous meeting were read. Bill Leitner moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Chris Keltz seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report - Checking has a total of \$XXX. The Building Fund has \$XXX, which includes the \$XXX grant from LMRE. Denise Michalski reported that she is using a Peachtree software, which has a non-profit application. She will also obtain a second debit card for the Vice President to have to be used when needed. Chris Keltz moved to approve the report, Bridget Derrick seconded, motion passed.

### Old Business

**Re-Enactment Group** - Roger raised the question of whether we want to invite the group back this year, and for which weekend. After some discussion, it was decided to offer them \$XXX for the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend, but not for the Fall campout. Hazel Pruitt moved to approve the decision, Bill Leitner seconded, motion passed.

**Saturday Night Movies** - Roger also suggested that our group may want to commit to one weekend a month and run the popcorn concession and sell pop as well. Discussion was tabled for a future meeting.

**Karaoke** - The subject of Karaoke was brought up, and it was mentioned that the campers really enjoyed it. There was always a big turnout. Roger stated that he knew somebody, and perhaps they would like to participate.

### Committee Reports

**Disc Golf** - Bill Martin will be meeting with Brian Andrews on 3/5, and then with Tim Krosse. Bill Martin applied for another grant for \$XXX from the Legacy Foundation. It was proposed that we use the \$XXX to buy 3 baskets, our group buys 3 baskets, and the park buys three baskets. Then use \$300 to buy and sell discs. It was also suggested that we put a practice basket out in the camp office area. It would introduce disc golf to more people and they could try it out before deciding to head out to the course.

**Trail Renovation** – Joe and Margaret suggest walking the course on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Interested people should meet at the Nature Center at 10:00 am. They will decide what will be feasible to finish by National Trail Days in June, and plan an opening ceremony of some sort. Possibly a ribbon cutting ceremony, a President's hike, or something similar. There will be a Friends table set up for the day.

Bill Leitner will design and make buttons to be passed out commemorating the re-opening of the Wyandot trail.

**Membership** – Laura Leitner reported that 4 corporate memberships and 2 family memberships were received since the last meeting.

**Root Beer Float** – Hazel reported that the fee for the health permit went up to \$XXX. It was also decided to raise the price to \$XXX and that we would have a “thermometer” banner up at each sale promoting donations for the building fund.

**Car Show** - The committee will meet at Hazel Pruitt’s house on March 9 at 7:00 pm. Bridget reported that she put the show information in the Lorain County Events brochure. Chris Keltz pointed out that our show went up to #6 in the Non Profit category in Cruisin’ Times.

**Website** - There was discussion about creating a “Project” page and perhaps putting a thermometer on the home page. The possibility of having PayPal on our site for donations online will be looked into.

### **New Business**

Bridget Derrick suggested several fundraising opportunities. A group she is in created a raffle with all donated items, and everyday a new prize was drawn. She also told us about a pancake breakfast that McDonalds offers. Tickets sell for \$XXX and the group gets \$XXX for each one.

FPOSP Spring Symposium will be held on April 4<sup>th</sup> at Mohican State Park.

Easter egg hunt will be April 11<sup>th</sup>. A request for \$XXX to purchase candy was made. Bill Leitner moved to provide up to \$XXX, Hazel Pruitt seconded, motion passed.

Clean Up Day is May 16<sup>th</sup>. We need to check with Tim Krosse to see if he would like to organize a work party.

People movers are ours to use. They were very appreciative of the money we gave them to buy new tires.

Laura Leitner reported that she has listed the group on LorainCounty.com’s website, and has meeting notices posted.

After passing around the window decal for the corporate members, it was decided to make one for the individual members as well.

It was suggested doing a membership drive at the camp office some weekend.

It was decided that Dave Johnston be awarded an honorary Lifetime membership to show appreciation for being the driving force behind the group’s formation. We will present it to him at the next meeting.

As there was no further discussion, Bill Leitner moved to adjourn. Margaret Bedrick seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.