

Friends of Worcester Meeting Minutes Tuesday, February 16, 2010, Bean Road Nursery

Review of Minutes. The minutes of the January meeting were discussed and approved as written. They will be posted to the website.

Executive Committee Reports.

President's Report. President Kim David introduced and welcomed Donna Haskins, who was hired to provide administrative services for FOW.

Kim stated that the next meeting will be held at Meadwood Retirement Community and opened a discussion regarding possible speakers for the meeting. Barb McMonagle agreed to ask Elizabeth Emlen, Montgomery County Farm Board, to attend and make a presentation.

Kim reported on a conversation with John Harris regarding preservation of the Moran property. At John's request, Kim agreed that FOW would solicit volunteers to help build trails on the property if needed at some future point if the land is preserved.

The Historical Society will hold a flea market on May 1. FOW will provide an information booth.

Kim noted that he and several FOW members received emails requesting they attend the Feb. 17 Board of Supervisors meeting to support two items on the agenda: a rain garden under consideration and a proposal for a 5-minute time limit for speakers. While there was support for both items, since these are not land preservation concerns, FOW will not support them as a group though individual members may do so.

Treasurer's Report. No report.

Current Issues.

Five-Year Strategic Plan. Copies of the plan were given to members present; to be discussed a future meeting.

2010 Goals. Tabled.

2010 Budget. Tabled.

Township Reports.

Board of Supervisors Rob Hayes reported that the board re-organized during its January meeting.

Zoning Hearing Board. No report.

Planning Commission. The Planning Commission continued work on village planning. A public meeting with a Powerpoint presentation is set for March 11. The Rotelle plans also were considered. Rotelle has proposed a naturalized basin requiring conditional use.

Open Space.

Land Preservation Committee - Barb McMonagle reported she is working with a Montco database of large landowners to compare with the Open Space plan in order to develop a list of landowners to contact about land preservation options. A brochure to be provided to landowners has been completed.

Village Plan Committee – See Planning Commission report.

Worcester Land Preservation Fund Committee – No report.

Education & Outreach Committee.

Newsletter. Michael Simeone has agreed to head this committee. Some suggestions for articles in the Spring 2010 issue are: Fairview Village plan; article from Elizabeth Emlen about farms preserved in township; the importance of preserving open space even in current economy; Tree vitalize program at Worcester Elementary; trail development in township and the value of trails to a community. The committee will be asked to have the newsletter ready to mail on Monday, May 17.

Website. No report

Community Activities & Programs Committee.

Arbor Day: Al Cuce has volunteered to head up the Arbor Day project at Worcester Elementary School.

Farmers' Union Horse Show: Jan Blegen, reported that Farmers' Union has not had much response to the idea of holding a parade as part of the 70th anniversary for the Horse Show. There are also some issues about parade staging and route, so the parade will likely be cancelled. The Horse Show will take place on Saturday, June 5. FOW will work in the food tent as usual.

Partnerships. No report.

Organizational Advancement & Growth Committee. Kim emphasized the need to find a chair for this committee since it a major part of the 5-year Strategic Plan.

FOW 2010 Meetings and Events:

Meetings: Wednesdays 7:30 pm

March 10, 2010: Meadowood Retirement Community - Board Room

April 14, 2010: Bean Road Nursery

May 12, 2010: Bean Road Nursery

Events:

Historical Society Flea Market, Saturday, May 1

Farmers Union Horse Show and FOW Food Tent, Saturday June 5, Heyser Field, begins 8:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna L. Haskins