

Friends of Worcester Meeting Minutes **Wednesday, September 8, 2010, Bean Road Nursery**

Review of Minutes. The minutes of the April 14 and May 12 meetings were discussed and approved as written. They will be posted to the website.

Executive Committee Reports.

President's Report. President Kim David reported that Meadowood Retirement Community have asked him to represent Friends of Worcester on the Meadowood Nature Center advisory team.

Kim also reported some discussions took place regarding the proposed rain garden at the Worcester Township building. It was decided that the proposed area for the rain garden was too large since there is only a \$5,000 grant available. A smaller site is now being considered.

The FOW Executive Committee enjoyed a lunch and discussion with David Burman, the new Worcester Township Manager.

Treasurer's Report. Wini Hayes presented a detailed treasurer's report.

General Discussion. Wini Hayes suggested that all of the FOW subcommittees hold planning meetings to re-activate and set goals for the next 60-90 days. Wini also would like to develop a project to involve township residents to generate interest in FOW. One issue to keep up on for FOW is the Marcellus Shale project, as a source of funding for Growing Greener 2. This could be an education project for FOW.

Current Issues.

Culmination of Open Space Projects. The Cuce and Graham projects are set to close soon. The Moran project is on the verge of being signed.

Township Reports.

Board of Supervisors At the October meeting, the board is scheduled to discuss updating agricultural zoning in the township. This may be an opportunity for FOW to partner with the Farmers Union. DeeDee McGrain will check with Farmer Union and see if they would spearhead the initiative and partner with FOW.

Zoning Hearing Board. The zoning board rendered its verdict regarding the Reimel property. The decision was lengthy. Anyone interested in the term of the decision should obtain information at the township building.

Planning Commission. No report

Open Space.

Land Preservation Committee No report

Worcester Land Preservation Fund Committee No report

Education & Outreach Committee.

Newsletter. For the Fall issue, advertisers will be asked to submit payment when placing their ads.

Suggested articles for the newsletter include: President's Letter, Creek restoration project; Land preservation film featuring Moran property and partnership with Montgomery County Lands Trust, Green Futures Group/Fairview Village/Heyster Field, Fairview Village update, Land Preservation Committee – How Can We Help You?. Donna will send these suggestions and a proposed production schedule to Michael Simeone.

Also to be included in the newsletter: advertisement for volunteer for website help, notice about Paypal feature on website.

Website. A contact person is needed to work as a liaison to provide content for website updates. This volunteer should attend FOW meetings, Board of Supervisor and Planning Commission meetings, etc., then write content for website update. It was suggested that FOW set up a Facebook site to attract a college or high school student intern who might be interested in volunteering to help with the website.

Community Activities & Programs Committee. No report.

Organizational Advancement & Growth Committee. Wini Hayes has agreed to chair this committee and will make a report next month.

FOW 2010 Meetings and Events:

Meetings:

Wednesday, October 13, 7:30 pm, Bean Rd. Nursery

Wednesday, November 10, 7:30 pm, Meadowood Retirement Community

Events:

October 9: Worcester Historical Society Barn Tour, 10:00 am

Respectfully submitted,

Donna L. Haskins