

MINUTES
FRIENDS of COLLIER PARKS & RECREATION
BOARD MEETING
Neville Park Clubhouse – April 17, 2017 – 6:30PM

I. Call to Order: President, Mary Ann Cupples Wisniowski called the meeting to order at 6:33PM.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call: *Present* - Mary Ann Cupples Wisniowski, Tilden Bennett, Barb Riedl, Lynn Heckman, Veronica Yablonsky, Karyn Brooks, Pam Handlovitch, Marilyn Townsend and Rose Gantner. *Absent:* Gail Neustadt and Kathy Rulong,

II. Approval of Minutes: Tilden made a motion to approve Minutes of March 27, 2017, seconded by Karyn. Motion approved by the board.

III. Public Comment: None.

IV. Reports:

A. Treasurer's Report - Kathy Rulong:

B. Molly's Dog Park – Karyn Brooks:

There has not been a Dog Park meeting since last month's reporting. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 20, 2017.

Molly's Dog Park (MDP) fundraising efforts: A Bob Evans restaurant sponsored event raised \$294.76 and an additional \$107.00 in donations was collected. The GoFundMe Account received donations of \$82.09 after deducting fees. A Total of \$483.85 was added to the MDP account during the month of April.

The MDP GoFundMe website is no longer accepting donations.

C. Parks and Recreation Meeting – Mary Ann Cupples Wisniowski:

There has not been a Parks and Recreation meeting since last month's reporting. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 18th.

D. Collier Discovery Path Committee - Lynn Heckman

A Committee meeting was held on April 14th. At that meeting, Kathy Rulong expressed her disappointment with the execution of the work completed on the Discovery Path, fulfilling the grant work and extended deadlines. Additionally,

neighbors and friends in Collier keep asking board members...When will the township's parks and/or walking paths be completed?

Friends are planning community House Parties to promote our trails and parks, and build relationships with the residents of Collier Township. The board finds it difficult to conduct House Parties when high profile park projects have not been completed and missed established deadlines. The board decided to proceed with the preparations and adjust our timelines to coincide with community project completions.

The board unanimously agreed Friends should schedule a meeting with the Commissioners and the Township Manager as a group to discuss our concerns and status of various township projects (e.g. repair the retaining wall that has collapsed on the Discovery Path, completion of MDP, etc.). The Friends Board will prepare an agenda and designate speakers for the proposed meeting.

E. House Party Committee - Veronica Yablonsky

An overview of the House Party (HP) meeting held on April 6th was presented and copies of the report distributed. Minor changes were submitted for consideration (e.g. decrease the number of volunteer hours from 10 to 8 for Level 1 Membership, create a poster displaying monies Friends have donated to Collier Township). The next HP Committee meeting will be held at Ronnie's on Thursday, April 27th at 10:30AM and will include members of the Discovery Path Committee.

F. Brick Pavers - Barb Riedl:

There are 18 bricks on order with Collier Stone to be cut and engraved. Barb will follow-up with Susan McShane to get a status update. Public Works has indicated they will try to install the remaining bricks by Memorial Day.

V. **Old Business:**

A. Trail Map – Public Hearing – Spring 2017

Lynn requested a Collier Township trail map from Bob Caun, Director of Planning, Zoning & Land Management to use in the HP presentations.

B. Charitable Contributions – Meeting with Kyle Thauvette, Township Manager

Mary Ann met with Kyle to clarify the correct management of charitable contributions and fundraising monies for Molly's Dog Park. Since the MDP Committee is not a Line Item in the Collier Township Budget, Friends of Collier Parks and Recreation, as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is the designated entity to manage these funds.

VI. New Business:

- A. June Elections: Mary Ann asked the Board to notify her whether members want to continue serving on the board and to let her know prior to the June Friends Annual Board meeting.
 - B. Bake Sale – November: Mary Ann asked the Board to consider organizing an Election Day Bake Sale on November 7th at the Rennerdale Fire Hall or the Community Center. Discussions and a vote will be done at the Friends May board meeting.
 - C. Sound System for Webb Park: Mary Ann discussed a request to Friends to purchase a public announcement system for Webb Field. The Board voted against funding this project because the funds received have already been designated to specific Friends programs. Additionally, the Board was concerned about a lack of input from the community and residents living near Webb Field. Mary Ann will write a letter to Collier Township notifying them of the Board's decision.
- VII. Next Meeting:** Scheduled for Monday, May, 15, 2017 at Neville Park Clubhouse, 6:30PM.
- VIII. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:42PM.