

**FRIENDS OF COLLIER PARKS & RECREATION
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 15, 2021 BOARD MEETING**

- I. The meeting was called to order by Dan Styche at 3:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

Roll Call

Present: Dan Styche, Mary Ann Cupples-Wisniowski, Deb Zymroz, Dave Brown, Sarah Brown, Kyle Linner, Anna Ewing

Absent: Marilyn Townsend, Susan Linner

Guests: Josh Werner, Director/Parks & Recreation Department

- II. Minutes of the October 18, 2021 meeting were approved.

- III. Public Comments

Josh Werner –

Light-Up Night: Josh will need volunteers to assist with Light-Up Night, which will take place on December 3, 2021, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. This year's theme is "Christmas Around the World." Planned activities include a horse and buggy ride, which will be offered at no cost to the Department; a visit from Santa, who will arrive on a fire truck; and a performance by a choir.

Veterans' Day Brunch: The first year for this brunch was very successful, and the veterans were very appreciative of this recognition. An article in the Almanac featured a story about the brunch.

- IV. Reports

Treasurer's Report by Deb Zymroz: The current balance is \$26,234.66.

- V. Old Business

Pickleball Courts at Webb Park: Completion of this project has been delayed to the Spring of 2022.

Bathroom and Water Line/Panhandle Trail near the Dog Park: A meeting is scheduled to take place on November 17 or 18, 2021, to discuss funding for this project.

- VI. Fundraisers

Alpine Dinner: Deb reported that Friends made \$1,030 from the ticket sales. Friends also received \$200 from a 50/50 raffle (give-back donation from the winner) and a \$70 donation from the pickleball players.

Raffle Baskets: The drawing for the Pirates' basket was delayed. Advertisement of the raffle for the Yeti cooler package has been delayed pending receipt of the correct tip boards. (The Amazon vendor shipped the wrong tip boards.)

VII. Old Business

Library Box: Anna reached out to the vendor who makes the library boxes from recycled metal newspaper stands; however, the vendor has yet to respond to her inquiry regarding current availability.

Discovery Path: The seeds which were planted this year are, in fact, a mixture of perennials so they will not need to be replanted. There was a discussion about the plans to connect the trail at the bottom of Hilltop Park, which would require either a bridge over the existing pond or a pathway around the pond. The residents of Nevillewood are anxious to have this connection and are willing to donate/secure funds for its completion.

VIII. New Business

Open Board Position: Previous to this meeting, Dan accepted the resignation of Lynn Heckman. However, Lynn expressed an interest in continuing her involvement with the Discovery Path. Dan nominated Sadie Sterner Restivo to fill the vacant Board position. Her nomination was approved.

Decennial Report: Although it was due in 2020, Mary Ann only recently received a postcard advising that this report must be filed every ten (10) years. The report was submitted at a cost of \$70.

IX. Board Member Comments

Deb suggested the possibility of Friends hosting a bingo to raise money for military service dogs. She also gave a shout-out to our Township secretary (Val) for continuing to advertise "Amazon Smile" on the Township website.

Dan advised that the Board of Commissioners will highlight "Friends" as the next nonprofit organization to be acknowledged by the Board during their meeting to be held on November 22, 2021. Any Board member who wishes to be present for this acknowledgement is encouraged to attend the meeting, which begins at 7:00 p.m.

X. The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for December 20, 2021, 3:30 p.m., at the Municipal Building.

XI. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m.