

MINUTES
ALPENA WILDLIFE SANCTUARY BOARD
City Hall – March 17, 2016 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Judy Kalmanek, Roger Witherbee, Vernie Nethercut, Tom Orth, Melissa Doubek, Adam Poll, Erin Riopelle, Terry Gougeon, Elizabeth Littler, Alice Holcomb (late), Jacqueline Walchek,

Guests and Resource people: none

Absent: Melissa Doubek

Roger called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Minutes from the February 2016 meeting were approved.

Updates – Adam

Budgeting is underway –

- River Center proposed \$50,000 in capital funds
- Reel Fun \$12,000 + and \$3,000 on Festivus
 - Walleye Club greatest supporter
 - Roger thanked the Reel Fun Committee

Report on upcoming events for funding. Roger will give annual report to City Council Monday night.

Steering Committee/ River Center update – Judy

An update on the Science Festival on Saturday, June 25, is attached to the minutes.

Pamphlet update – Tom

- \$285-\$300 College
- \$700 + for Allegra – 1000 brochures

It will fit in pamphlet rack.

- Content – map with habitats (Elizabeth) + small Alpena map showing the location.
- Contact info + a couple of guidelines
- Map in the center of 8"x14"

Erin moved to go with this, Judy seconded, motion carried. Tom will have proof for the next meeting.

River Rats programming

Talked about programming meeting at MSU Extension.

DNR Report

A discussion took place on discrepancies concerning the Wildlife Sanctuary boundaries.

Vernie reported on the problem of differing definitions of Lake Besser and the Alpena Wildlife Sanctuary, as shown in a DNR report. The Sanctuary, if defined as west of US-23 to the Bagley Street Bridge, is 443.6 acres and Lake Besser, the impoundment behind the Ninth Street Dam (east of US 23 to the dam) is 52.1 acres, according to Steve Shultz, Assistant City Engineer. The board agreed, by a raised hand vote, that they consider the Sanctuary to be defined as the area west of US 23 to the Bagley Street Bridge. Because of public confusion and inconsistencies on maps, reports, pamphlets etc., board members agreed that a clarification is needed.

Adam said City Council has the authority to state the definition and the WSB can make a recommendation. A motion was made by Vernie and seconded by Erin to send a recommendation to City Council. When approved do education follow-up. The definition should include water and water's edge between Bagley and US-23 N.

We moved to table the motion by Vernie and Erin until Adam does more research on the historical documentation of the boundaries.

Artist in Residence - Alice

The updated website information has been sent to Vicki to reflect changes. Vicki will be out of the office for an extended period of time so it may take a few weeks before it is updated.

Alice was able to track down a photo of the ceramic piece, Grasses, from the artist Debbie Kupinsky. Debbie informed Alice that it was a joint effort and the signage should include both she and Craig Clifford. Unfortunately the CFNEM was not comfortable with the art work and so Alice traded it for the Anita Harmon painting of the Great Blue Heron. A new sign was made reflecting that it was a "donation" to the sanctuary. Adam will store, Grasses, at City Hall until a suitable venue can be found.

Alice reported that an artist from Virginia, Mick Grochowski, has expressed interest although he is not able to come until late August or early Sept. Alice is checking with Atens for the availability of the Carriage House at that time. Alice will email the board his website with sample works.

Roundtable

Elizabeth asked board members to review the IPMP and make recommendations on what actions we want to concentrate on in the coming year as well what we accomplished in 2015. **Bring your copy of the plan to the April meeting.**

Judy has talked with the Alpena News about the pictures published of sledding at Island Park. She explained that this is an activity we are trying to stop, not promote!

Judy reported on the narrow-leaf cattail cut. The Nature Conservancy came along with a representative from the DNR and Fire Dept. to discuss the cut. Judy was disappointed that the Nature Conservancy did not follow up on the plan that was made and now it is too late for this year. She is hoping to do a large scale cut next year.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, April 21 at 4:00 p.m.** at City Hall. The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alice Holcomb, Secretary

SCIENCE FESTIVAL

When: Saturday, June 25, 2016

Time: 10 am until 2 pm

Tickets: Under 5 free, 5-10 \$5.00, 11+ \$10.00 Family of up to 5 for \$20.00

Pledge Station:

CFNEM will have place where folks can sign up to make pledges to help build the River Center.

Bag Lunch Auction

Tickets will be \$5.00

We'll solicit bag lunch donations from various restaurants. Each restaurant will receive a middle size white paper bag for each lunch they provide (e.g. 5 lunches=5 bags). Each lunch will be labeled with the logo of the providing restaurant.

The lunch table will contain a poster for each restaurant and a container in which to drop the tickets. The lunch bags will be distributed to the participating restaurants on Friday and picked up the morning of the festival.

We'll need volunteers to contact the restaurants obtain their promise for lunches to be donated.

The following restaurants will be contacted:

POSSIBLE RESTAURANTS FOR LUNCH DONATIONS:

Applebees	Taco Bell
Big Boy	Neiman's Deli
Burger king	Gen Ar
Chee Ping	Wendy's
Culvers	Nick's Diner'
Fresh Palette	North Coney Island
Sanc. Inn (CW)	Dairy Queen
JJ's	John Boy
Jimmy Chen	Players
KFC	Austin Brothers
Mancino's	Cabin Creek
Mangos	ACC Cafeteria
19 th Hole*	Burgies
Old Town	Connies
Parker House	Arbys
McDonald's	Sand Bar
Subway	Meijer Deli
Take 5 Deli	Jimmy Johns

Drink Table

A selection of Water and Juice will be available for sale during the day. Each will be sold for \$1.00

SCIENCE IN THE SANCTUARY

In place of tickets each participant will receive a button promoting the River Center with the date of the event on it. NEMROC will make the buttons at a cost of .20 each. 300 buttons will cost \$60.

We can begin selling the buttons around June 1st? They will be available the day of the event. Need a couple of volunteers to sell the buttons that day.

List of science stations:

Audubon birds	Linda Klemens
Frog Bit Challenge	Huron Pines (Joy, Jennifer)
Lamprey Eel	Steve Gambicki (Betsy take photos)
All Water in World	Lindsay Adams
Water Is	Meaghan Gass
Pollinator Brigade	NEMROC (Joe Garant and others)
Restoring land	Elizabeth ? Or Karen (mud ball toss)
Fishing Pond	FOLHWS (Tom Gilfillan)
ROV	talk to Melissa
Forestry	Brook Alloway
Fossils	Friends of Rockport

Matching Game: 2 pictures of many animals/plants. Person finds their matching partner and the two receive small prize.

Scavenger Hunt Game: List of 20 things to find (can document with camera photo). Small prize for those who find all 20.

Pledge booth: have pledge brochures ready with envelopes for people to sign and/or make donation. Maybe Susan, Mary Beth staff it?

Need to do:

finish the donation brochures

make posters to put around town.

Write the pledge form for the restaurants

Develop advertising: will include Rockport events and River Rats program.

Apply to CFNEM for \$450 for the needed items: (done)

Buy small prizes about \$100 worth

Buy 6 3/4 envelopes 1000 of them. \$40.

NEMROC buttons 300 @ .20 \$60.

Advertising \$250

Additional ideas: