

Friends of Seneca Creek State Park

Minutes from November 11, 2009

1. Present: Steve Hackman, Earl Pfeiffer, Dave Scull, Ed Branges, Dave Powell, Ellen Erdelsky, Bruce Goldensohn, and Ken Grundy
Absent: Dr. Stan Forster
2. Minutes from August 19, 2009-Approved with corrections.
3. Treasurer's Report- Steve Hackman
See Sheet
Purchases- Signs for the managed hunt- \$138.00
Rechargeable flashlights- \$295.64
Portable radios (walkie talkies) bought 7 for less than we had planned for the approved amount of \$1146.46
Don's Johns- amount changes monthly.
4. Membership Report- Ellen Erdelsky
See other sheet. The numbers of current members are declining and we need to recruit new members or get our info out to the public better.
The Sugarloafers are having a walk this weekend, maybe we can get our brochures put out at this event.
We discussed putting out flyers at events for Schaeffer Road, Sugarloafer events, winter lights and the contact station.
5. Purchase Requests-
Shelf unit for the office- \$150.00-200.00- Approved
We talked about a few items that may come up in February. A tv/photo screen to display and promote the park by displaying pictures of things and activities at the park, planning to be \$500.00 to \$1000.00. A bush mower to be towed behind the Mule to mow the trails, would cost between \$1000.00 and \$2000.00
6. Park Manager's Report- Dave Powell
There are 2 rangers at ranger school right now. Kim Lloyd was there for a week and Dave and Kendall were each there recently. There will be hunting at Schaeffer Road soon which will close that area to all except hunters. There is a trail work day on the Greenway trail next Saturday. The state Volunteer Summit is next Saturday which Dave Powell and Steve Hackman will attend. MC Roadrunners will have an event at the park soon. The Sugarloafers had their Bill Larson Memorial walk a few weeks ago. MC Hospice had their annual Duck Derby at the park recently.
There have been a lot of maintenance projects going on around the park including a new heating and air conditioning system in the Visitors Center auditorium. The park has razed 3 houses and 2 barns on their properties. The park has received the budget for this year and it is not too bad. However, the Governor is still working on budget cuts but they will probably not

affect Seneca Creek. The tentative date for the 2010 pancake Breakfast is Saturday, March 20th. Dave McGill of MORE heard from the state that the Trail Expansion Project should be approved by spring and we could be ready to start some work right away. The state recently sent out an e-mail to get public opinion on whether or not to open up the state's parks to pets on leashes. This would allow pets in all parts of most parks where they are currently not allowed at all.

7. Roundtable

Dave Scull just got back from a mountain biking trip in Tucson, Arizona which was great.

Ellen made a request to the Board to revise the renewal letter. Ken will work on this. Ellen also said that she would work on some kind of sign to put up on or near the rental toilets that state that they are paid for by the Friends and either MORE or the disc golf group.

Earl mentioned that he had some help working on the peony fields this year and since the large field in not being used for parking the peonies that grow there could be much improved this spring.

Ed asked if the fishing pier had been fixed yet. Dave Powell said that they have fixed everything they could except for the parts that need to be welded.

Bruce Goldensohn mentioned that he has seen more deer this year than usual in his yard. Bruce also noted that he had a very hard time navigating our web site. Steve Hackman explained that our web site was down because Microsoft Office Live cancelled our domain name and it is actually owned by a company in Melbourne, Australia. He is working on restoring it now. Stave also noted that if we want to access our site it can be reached at omd16.web.officelive.com.

Ken noted that we had another great picnic this past weekend. We discussed the possibility of having a holiday dinner get together and Ken will look into doing it at Dogfish Head Restaurant and get in touch with everyone.

8. Next Meeting- February 10, 2010