

# Friends of Seneca Creek State Park

Minutes from May 13, 2009

1. Present: Steve Hackman, Earl Pfeiffer, Dave Scull, Kim Lloyd, Ellen Erdelsky, and Ken Grundy

Absent: Ed Branges, Dr. Stan Forster, and Marty Berkman.

2. Minutes from February 11, 2009- Approved with corrections.

3. Treasurer's Report-Steve Hackman

See other Sheet.

Purchases made- Mule- \$8800.00

Tools for trails- by Dave Powell, \$436.11

Cones- \$475.00

Port a potties- One port a potty for the disc golf course and the Schaefer Road site approve for this season. We received payment for last year's rental from both MORE and the Disc Golfers of \$595.00.

4. Membership Report- Steve Hackman

We had 1 new member and 5 renewals.

5. Park Purchases-

No official requests but Kendall did mention wanting a winch for the mule which would cost about \$300.00 to \$350.00. We discussed this purchase but did not vote on it for now.

6. Park Manager's Report- Kim Lloyd

Park Quest- The state's program to get kids to the parks is happening this year and SCSP. The first team came in last Saturday and the activity involves birding.

The state's new alcohol policy went into effect on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Kim had a meeting today with a representative from Montgomery County to discuss the possibility of using the old Gun Club as a recreation area. Someone from the Darnestown Civic Association approached the county about this.

Katie Wong is the new naturalist at the park.

There has been no word about the Shaker Forest Festival so at this point it will not be happening this year.

#### 7. Roundtable-

Earl has received some help this year with the peonies. Some are blooming now and he thinks that they look better than they have in years.

Ed was at the fishing pier and noticed that it needs some repair. Kim mentioned that they are waiting on some concrete for the walkway where it meets the dock. In addition, there are some tie plates that need some work.

Ellen is working on redoing the park's bulletin boards. She would also like to redo the Friend's poster and will submit it for approval.

Steve submitted our Maryland Personal Property Tax form 990-N Form 1 on time.

Dave talked about the bike trail expansion proposal and how it would be 60 miles of connected trails all together. He said it would connect the Schaeffer trails to Black Hills Park via Hoyles Mill Trail and then through some of Montgomery County's parks to Patuxent Park.

Steve mentioned that we had a total of \$1300.00 that was set aside for just trail maintenance that we received from the Greenway Coalition. They have used \$400.00 of the money already. In addition, Ed Schultze donated \$150.00 to the Friends to be held for future trail use. There was a motion made to have this money available for Dave Powell to use at his discretion without any further action needed from the Board. Motion approved unanimously.

Ken mentioned that there has been an article written about the Friends in our neighborhood newsletter and he would look into other newsletters around the area.

Earl stated that while he was at the monthly meeting of the Montgomery Village Garden Club he spoke of the peony fields here at SCSP.

It was also brought up that the Potomac Trail Riders have asked permission to use the trail between Blackrock Road and Schaeffer Road.

8. Next Meeting- August 12, 2009 (Moved to August 19<sup>th</sup>)