



## **Friends of Cedar Lake Minutes**

January 19, 2017

**Attendees:** Dale Todd, Felicia Wyrick, Charlie Visek, Leland Freie, Kate Hawkins, Bugs Moran, Mari Phelan, Martin Smith, Ron Gonder, Bill Quinby, Gary Thompson, Rich Patterson, Gregg Stark, Ryan Anderson, Kymm Barnes, Cara Matteson, John Hanson

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

### **Treasurers Report**

GCRCF balance is \$9768.63 and CRBT is \$11,279.31.

### **Outreach**

Felicia shared the Gazette Milestones section announcing the winners of the Cedar Lake Through a Lens Contest, which had 85 entries. Thanks again to the Gazette and Linn Area Photo Club for their assistance.

We'll be tabling again at Paddle Day on January 21 to be held at Indian Creek Nature Center.

The umbrella name for the combined fundraising campaign for Cedar Lake and the Sleeping Giant Bridge is ConnectCR. The two projects were brought together to streamline the fundraising process as a community wide campaign. We are working on a video which we'll show at the February meeting. It was reiterated that the mission of Friends of Cedar Lake hasn't changed and will continue to focus on the lake.

### **Phase II Testing**

The IDNR is in the process of conducting this study with results expected sometime in February. Depending on results, which we expect to show no red flags, the next step will be transfer of ownership. This will position us for Enhance Iowa funding and eligibility for the IDNR Lake Restoration Program.

### **Flood Control**

Dale and Felicia attended the Flood Protection Committee presentation where Rob Davis, TITLE?, shared the revised plan for the area around the lake. The first plan that the City Council approved protected the lake but was replaced by the Army Corp of Engineers' plan that wrapped around Quaker Oats and Cargill and didn't extend north along the river. At the end of the day, the railroad opposed the Army Corp plan because the flood wall crossed their tracks at too many places. Now City staff is reverting

back to the original plan which involves a levy that extends north and includes a trail to be built on top of it. It will cost slightly less than the Army Corp plan and allows access to trail funding to defray costs.

The new plan also includes ideas to dredge parts of the lake to maximize its ability to be a detention basin for the river in the case of a rain event. This coincides with our long held recommendation to increase depth in the lake to ensure the long term health of the fishery and prevent further sedimentation fill in. We encouraged City staff to coordinate the resources of the IDNR with the same ones we've been working with for the recreational aspects of the lake.

**Next meeting:** February 16, 2017

Respectfully submitted by Felicia Wyrick