



Friends of Cedar Lake Minutes

February 16, 2017

Attendees: Dale Todd, Felicia Wyrick, Gary Thompson , Karen Erger, Charlie Visek, Bugs Moran, Mari Phelan, Martin Smith, Ron Gonder, Bill Quinby, Ryan Anderson, Kymm Barnes, Joe Sanfilippo, Glenn Kimball

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

Treasurers Report

GCRCF balance is \$9768 and CRBT is \$11,021.

Outreach

We received a check from Iowa Brewing Company for the proceeds received from their Charity Flight promotion to support Friends of Cedar Lake.

Felicia shared the ConnectCR video, which is the name of the fundraising effort that combines Cedar Lake with the Sleeping Giant Bridge. Big thanks to Shive Hattery, who designed the bridge and produced the video pro bono as well as Confluence for working with them and supplying the graphics from our master plan. We are showing this to our advisory committee next week and expect media coverage from that public unveiling. Lee Clancey and Mike McGrath have enthusiastically signed on to co-chair our fundraising efforts.

We are meeting with the Gazette Editorial board again and expect their continued support for our efforts. We had a very positive meeting with Jeff Pomerantz and we were assured that he is on board from a community project and financial standpoint. We will be meeting with Jeff, the Mayor, some council members and city staff when Lee is in town next week.

Phase II Testing

The IDNR is in the process of conducting this study with results expected sometime this spring. Depending on results, which preliminary data shows 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/Watershed Management Plan

The new plan the city is supporting 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 belief that increasing depth in the lake will help ensure the long term health of the fishery and prevent further sedimentation fill in. It also points to the need for the City to develop a comprehensive Cedar Lake watershed management plan.

The City also seems to be tracking on the need to replace the non-functioning gates that control the interaction between the river and the lake as well as a plan to maintain the grate that collects debris from runoff from McLeod Run. Huge kudos to Tuna and Bugs for voluntarily clearing the grate of debris which significantly increases the inflow and therefore, the depth of the lake.

Kymm Barnes, who works for USGS , reported that she volunteered to monitor the water levels in the well that her department installed at the lake near the Shaver Road trailhead. This will help with understanding the impact on the lake during rain and flood events.

Good of the Order

We are tracking on the need to repair the sidewalk along Shaver Road that occurred when the sewer trunk lines on Shaver Road were replaced last fall. This is a safety issue as people are walking and riding in the street because the sidewalk is so torn up. Thanks to Rich for bringing this to our attention and to Charlie for communicating with the appropriate City departments to get this taken care of.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Next meeting: March 16, 2017

Respectfully submitted by Felicia Wyrick, Secretary.