

SENATOR FRANK L. MADLA, JR. NATURAL AREA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS Minutes

Date of Meeting: October 28, 2012
Type of Meeting: Board of Directors Meeting
Place of Meeting: Grey Forest City Hall
Time of Meeting: 4:30 PM. at the park, 6:00 PM at City Hall

- ❖ Meeting Called to Order 6:15pm by Frank Madla
- ❖ Recording of Board members Present – Storms Duthie, Susan Beavin, Kyle Cunningham, Frank Madla, Don Darst, Jennifer Nottingham, Ron Green and Ron Reinhard
Guests – Mitch Thornton, Pat Tiner, Brenda Reinhard, and Rita Hannah
- ❖ Declaration of a Quorum - yes
- ❖ Secretary's Report - September Meeting Minutes approved as presented, Motion by Jennifer Nottingham and second by Don Darst
- ❖ Financial Report – Shannan Kinsley, Grey Forest City Secretary/Treasurer
- ❖ Sub-Committee Status: All activities since the last Board Meeting
 - * Safety/Security –
 - * Biological Management – Jen Nottingham – Arundo removal will occur on November 3, Stan Goodson will handle permitting and supplies for the Round-Up. The City will mulch the arundo when Public Works is available. Laurie Hawkins will handle trimming the trails with Kirk Morits. We need mileage estimates for trail markers. Post will be cut at a 30 degree angle for placing the signs and markers. Rodney Madla will make an example of signage that can be done with cedar and show it to the board.
 - * Historical – Susan Beavin
 - * Fundraising – Dr. Frank Madla - \$2000 in pay pal for paver sales that will be transferred into the Madla account.
 - * Earth Science – Ron Green – Water Catchments discussion to be added to November agenda. 1000sq ft of roofing with a 1" rain should catch 650 gallons of water...
 - * Project Planning Status Report – Don Darst – see New Business a
 - * Landscape Committee Update – Storms Duthie - \$400 of the \$1000 allotted has been spent, the existing mulch piles will be used at major trail heads and will need to haul off the rest if not used. Working with a local nursery for plants, will check into CPS rebate for \$50 per tree planted. Will need to address what should be done with the drop off area behind the circle of Friends. The river pebble rock will need to be moved from the drive way area and can possibly be used in the dry creek beds.

Discuss and take action (if necessary) on the following topics:

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1. Old Business:
 - a. Solar vs. Electric options – Mitch Thornton discussed the possibility of running electricity –

estimated cost would be \$45,000. Jeff English suggested it might be more economical to run pull the power off the existing service at the top of the hill. It would require that the pole be upgraded and a new transformer be installed. GFU would do the trenching. The estimate to get power to the pavilion would be \$10,000. GFU will be meeting with an electrician on this project. A motion was made by Don Darst and seconded by Frank Madla to approach GFU for assistance with the electrical by trenching, laying the conduit and covering the trenching areas. All approved. The question of whether underground Nieman boxes can be used will be investigated.

b. Landscape Plans and Plants – A work day is scheduled for November 10th to clean up the site and determine other needs. Don will work on a plan of listing priorities and will check with Jeff English regarding the use of the GFU bobcat that day with Ranel. Pea Gravel can be moved to the dry creek beds. The landscape committee has been given the list of approved plants by TPW as well as the two web sites suggested by TPW for research for plants that are Native to this area. A motion to add \$500 to the budget for additional plantings was made by Don Darst and seconded by Kyle Cunningham, all approved.

c. TPW requirements regarding the park being opened during “Bird Season” – Ron Reinhard shared and email from TPW regarding the park being open during birding season – see attached.

2. New Business:

a. Discuss and take action on any items related to finalizing construction

Artco has finished their clean up at the site. It was suggested that we pay Artco in two checks – to match their 2 invoices (\$780 and \$4200), \$1584 will be held until final work is completed. Ron Reinhard will talk to Shannan regarding this.

Awaiting the final estimate of cost from Rick Stone for rock work at entry. Ron Reinhard will put together a drawing of the proposal for the gated area and send out to the board, this can in turn be passed on to James Swisher for a written description of what work he will be doing as well as a final estimate of cost of the work. Jen will follow up with Rick and James.

b. Discuss and take action on naming of trails – delayed until next meeting

❖ Adjournment – 8:16 pm

Notes from Site Visit at 4:30 pm:

Board Members Present – Storms Duthie, Susan Beavin, Don Darst, Ron Reinhard, Frank Madla, Kyle Cunningham

Others Present - Linda Darst, Rick Stone, Brenda Reinhard, Frank and Christy Vargas.

- Rick Stone looked at the rock on the pavilion and will be able to match it for the entry stone work.
- Frank and Christy Vargas said that their family was willing to give the park easement for electrical lines should we need them.
- It was suggested that the dry creek bed be turned prior to reaching the circle drive.
- Water Catchments would be put at each side corner of the pavilion facing the drive way. Two concrete pad would be needed for the tanks. It was suggested that this be added to the next agenda.
- The bridge will have metal plates top and bottom with stripped 3’ tall cedar posts. May need to rock area between the pavers and the bridge with crushed granite.
- Storms looked into mulch for the planting area at a cost of \$15 per yard and \$85 for delivery – approximate cost will be \$300.
- There will be two trail heads – one to the right of the pavilion and one to the left behind the circle of friends.
- Jen reported that Laurie and Kirk will be going through the trails in November to clean up.