

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

Date of Meeting: August 25, 2013  
Type of Meeting: Board of Directors Meeting  
Place of Meeting: Grey Forest City Hall  
Time of Meeting: 6:00 PM.

- ❖ Meeting Called to Order - 6:08 by Ron Green
  - ❖ Recording of Board Members Present – Ron Reinhard, Ron Green, Don Darst, Storms Duthie, Jennifer Nottingham, Kyle Cunningham, Susan Beavin
  - ❖ Declaration of a Quorum - *yes*
  - ❖ Secretary's Report – July 28<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes approved as presented
  - ❖ Financial Report – Balance on hand - \$78,517.23
  - ❖ Sub-Committee Status: All activities since the last Board Meeting
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- \* **Safety/Security** – Jen presented a report from the Grey Forest Police Department with details of activity at the park caught on camera (dogs running free, mountain bicycles, 4-wheelers, etc.) The new natural area rules signs are made and will be installed in the drive way area as you enter the park and also near the pavilion.
  - \* **Biological Management** – no report
  - \* **Historical** – Susan Beavin – no report
  - \* **Fundraising** – Dr. Frank Madla – no report
  - \* **Earth Science** – Ron Green – no report
  - \* **Trails Committee** – Jen Nottingham – trails have all been mowed and look great, plaques have been installed on boulders, Jen will follow up with Rick Stone on the depth of the indentation for the plaque installation.
  - \* **Landscape Committee** – Storms Duthie – the Chinquapin Oak seems to have been overwatered and will need to be removed. There are also some trees near the Historical buildings that are either too close to the buildings invasives or not in good health that will need to be addressed.

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

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1. **Old Business:**

**Report on TPW financials and extension to complete** projects – Questions came up during this discussion regarding the amount reimbursed from our final submission (#8) not representing all volunteer time and equipment used. Linda Darst will call TPWD tomorrow to get a breakdown of reimbursement and follow up with the questions regarding difference in dates on the extension documentation (April vs September 2014).

**Signage** – Susan Beavin – The Temporary sign has been removed. Frank Madla has the additional signs for the trails. Jen will contact him and ask that he drop them by city hall. The trails committee will meet in the next week or two and determine the locations for all signs. Storms will ask ARTCO about signage installation possibility and cost.

Fossil signage for pavilion is still in progress. The resolution of the topo map was not sufficient in resolution for a large sign. A simpler graphic version will be considered in place of the topo version. Ron Green will follow up with Raba Kistner on the Graphic Version and follow up with David.

2. **New Business:**

a. **Discuss and act on Ongoing Projects for Natural Area –**

**Historical Structures (interior contract)** – Storms Duthie reported that everything is on schedule for the historical structure – Exterior work is complete, rewiring is complete, Propane tank has been inspected, Aerobic Septic system needs to be inspected. He presented a contract from ARTCO for \$9,750 to complete the interior of the cottage. A Motion by Jennifer Nottingham to approve \$10,000 for the completion of work at the cottage was made, seconded by Susan Beavin. All approved.

**ADA compliance** - contract from James Swisher – Storms Duthie presented a contract from James Swisher to bring us into ADA compliance. A motion was made by Jennifer Nottingham to approve the contract as presented by James Swisher for \$5,905 to bring us into ADA compliance. Second by Susan Beavin, all approved. Storms will ask James to please dull the concrete down as he did in the pavilion work.

Entrance issues - clear coat gate, seal coyote fencing at entrance – Jen Nottingham reported that Chris Mikel will seal the cedar coyote fence at the entrance and at the Portalet site. Don Darst will check with the Fence /Gate installer to see if he is coming back to apply a clear coat to the metal gate as he suggested he would do after it developed patina.

Ron Reinhard will follow up with GFU regarding the installation of electrical lines to the pavilion and report back at our next regularly scheduled meeting.

**b. Discuss and act on “markers” regarding herbicide** – Jen Nottingham reported that there is a herbicide with dye that can be used to identify areas that have already been sprayed. She reported that it is expensive but last a long time. She may be able to buy it with another person and split the cost, she will report back.

Adjournment - 7:26 pm, motion by Susan Beavin, second by Jen Nottingham

Suggestions for next agenda:

Discuss Electrical installation vs alternatives

Discuss options for entrance repairs to service road coming in off Scenic Loop Road