

FRIENDS OF OPOSSUM LAKE CONSERVANCY MEETING
Tuesday April 18, 2006
1205 Easy Road
6 PM

MEETING MINUTES:

A meeting of 20 members of the Friends of Opossum Lake Group was held at the Lower Frankford Township Building.

The meeting was chaired by acting chairperson Ed Franco.

Review of Progress to Date.

Employer Identification # was obtained from the IRS (03-0586326) on April 6,2006.

M&T Free Business Checking Account at the Stonehedge Branch, 960 Walnut Bottom Road, Carlisle Pa. 17013. was established. Ed Franco and Wayne De Moss have agreed to act as interim signators. Wayne De Moss reported that the current balance in the account is \$1,039 .

Mailing List of Friends has been established and updated by Karen Heishman current "membership coordinator". Currently we have 147 Friends.

Steve Fealtman (steve@sdf-consulting.com) has agreed to design a web site for Friends.which will be up and running soon.

Cindy Criswell (c criswell@jdbe.com) has agreed to edit our future newsletters.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Thank You letters to Vance and Gabig- Ed Franco. Further edited version is attached based on feedback from members. NOTE: I have to be at the capitol on April 24th and have arranged to meet with Senator Vance and Representative Gabig in person to further explore the two bills that are in committee and explore other funding options with them.

The group agreed to pursue filing of Articles of Incorporation (Filing Fee of \$125) as a membership Non Profit Pennsylvania Corporation., Legal services donated by Professor Tom Place, Penn State Dickinson School of Law. Articles of Incorporation Application were signed by three members present, Craig Boyer, Jan Ruby, and Ed Franco as incorporators and Tom generously offered to deliver them to Harrisburg. We should have a corporate non profit status as of next week. .

It was agreed that annual dues for members will be set at \$10 for an individual and \$15 for a household. We will develop additional categories to encourage donations above the basic membership. Draft of a membership form will be circulated for comment.

Members present were asked to indicate their interest in serving on the Board of Directors of the Corporation and to volunteer to serve as chairperson or members of Committees. These committees initially will be structured and chaired as follows:

Publicity Committee – John Alden 249-7219 PA61pilgrim@peoplepc.com
Legislative – Craig Boyer 240-0568
Enhancement/ Projects- Ruben Lao- 323-1002 RubenlaoJr@Bellsouth.net
Membership- Karen Heishman - 258-0703 skheishman@earthlink.net
BY-LAWS and Incorporation- Ed Franco 243-9863 efranco99@comcast.net

Fundraising /Grants
Finance Committee ? Wayne ??

It was agreed that we would forward an e mail or snail mail to all those who have signed up to be Friends of Opossum Lake to announce the above actions and to invite all potential members and interested parties to a general membership meeting to be held on Thursday May 18th at 7 pm at 1205 Easy Road Carlisle.

The agenda for that membership meeting will be for individuals to sign up as members and pay dues, and express interest and or volunteer to serve on the board and or committees.

The enrolled membership will then elect 12 Board Members to serve a partial one year term . Those 12 Board Members will then organize themselves regarding Officers and Committees.

A steering committee meeting will be held on Thursday May 4th at 7 pm in order to finalize membership forms, dues structure, and review another draft of proposed BY-LAWS

It was agreed that a trash clean up day at the lake will be held at 9:30 am on Saturday April 29th to pick up litter and remove as much trash as possible from the areas of the lake bottom which are exposed. A special Activities Permit will be obtained for that Date and Time by Ed Franco.

Applications for the PFBC Adopt and Access Program and Adopt a Lake Program will be considered at the next meeting.

Due to a Cumberland County Land Partnerships Application Deadline of May 1, 2006 it was agreed that the Projects Committee would assemble cost estimates of creating and enhancing a “trail around the lake” for recreational use. Estimated costs will include an

information Kiosk at the Trailhead, several benches and picnic tables, signage, foot bridges over inlets, and trail maps. A 50- 50 % grant will be submitted to the county with approximately \$5,000 targeted as the amount to be raised by Friends of Opossum Lake Conservancy.

PLEASE GIVE FEEDBACK REGARDING THE ATTACHED FORMS FOR MEMBERSHIP To Karen Heishman (lwfrankford@aol.com) and Feedback on the Letter to all Friends of Opossum Lake Mailing list to Cindy Criswell (c criswell@jdbe.com)

Could Publicity Committee Put Up some Simple Posters at the Post Office, and other likely spots regarding the Clean Up on April 29th. ? Thanks Ed.