

FRIENDS OF OPOSSUM LAKE CONSERVANCY (FOLC)

Board of Directors Meeting No. 21

March 5, 2008

The meeting, held at the home of Cheryl Pauli and Hal Gardner, was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ed Franco, President.

In attendance:

Ed Franco
Hal Gardner
Eric Klinedinst
Wayne DeMoss
Gary Criswell

Steve Fealtman
Mary Franco
Craig Houston
Cindy Criswell
Ruben Lao

Guests: Chris Ackley, Cumberland Geosciences
Mort Fegley, Lower Frankford Township
Cheryl Pauli

Absent: Tim Barrick
Jan Ruby

The minutes from the February 6, 2008 meeting of the Board of Directors were approved.

General Discussion

A. Lower Frankford Township Liaison

Mort Fegley was appointed as Lower Frankford Township liaison to the FOLC Board instead of a member of the FOLC Board.

B. First Day of Fishing Event

Mary Franco and Cindy Criswell discussed plans for the second annual First Day of Fishing event to be held Saturday, March 29, 2008 at the lake from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

A children's fishing contest will be held again this year for all children under 16 years of age. Prizes (FOLC t-shirts) will be awarded to the youngest successful angler and the child with the largest fish. Photos will be taken when the children register their catch(es) at the FOLC information table.

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Food will also be for sale including baked goods (donated by all Board members), hot dogs and sausages (Hal Gardner; cost \$1.50 hot dogs, \$2.50 sausages), chili (Mort Fegley; cost \$3.00), coffee (Mary Franco), soda and water (Cheryl Pauli).

Mary Franco will order a porta-potty to be placed at the main parking lot. Cindy Criswell will prepare a sign to be placed on the toilet facilities stating that the toilet facilities are provided courtesy of FOLC.

Board members should keep track of their expenses in preparing for the First Day of Fishing event and turn them in to Craig Houston. Request for reimbursement is considered a personal decision and Craig should be notified if reimbursement is requested; however, FOLC would like to track expenses for 2008 to make it easier to set a budget for coming years.

Cindy Criswell will prepare and send a press release for the event.

Mary Franco, Cheryl Pauli, and Cindy Criswell will supply tables. Hal Gardner will make sure the kiosks are stocked with maps and FOLC brochures.

It was noted that this event is more of a PR event than a fundraising event for FOLC.

C. Future Work Days

Hal Gardner reported that 15 volunteers, including volunteers from the Central PA Conservancy, worked over three different days on various projects around the lake/trail.

150 trees have been ordered from the Conservation District. FOLC needs to purchase tree shelters and stakes. A check for \$326 to cover the cost of some of the trees, shelters and stakes will be prepared and given to Hal Gardner.

Ed Franco will prepare a thank you letter to the Carlisle Garden Club since most of their donation was used to pay for the trees and for the Eagle Scout birdhouse project.

The next work days are planned for Saturday and Sunday, April 19 and 20, 2008. The major focus of these days will be tree planting. Work days will begin at 9:00 AM. Team leaders will be selected for work days to avoid confusion among volunteers and to keep people organized.

Cindy Criswell will prepare and send a press release about these two work days.

Ruben Lao and Mort Fegley will contact Pennsylvania Cleanways about picking up supplies and trash bags for the work days. In addition to tree planting, trash pick-up will also be conducted around the lake.

D. FOLC Short Term/Long Term Goals

A discussion was held concerning FOLC's short term and long term goals (5 years) now that the funding package is in place. What should FOLC's future focus be? What are we now? What don't we want to become? Ed Franco suggested that all Board members think about rewording the mission statement, possible long term goals (5 years). This will be discussed in detail at the April Board meeting.

E. Pavilion

Ed Franco stated that he will be meeting with Mort Fegley and Adams Electric this Friday, 3/7/08, to discuss the possibility of running electricity to the future pavilion at the lake. The Board's desire is to run the electric lines underground if possible.

It was also discussed as to whether it would be appropriate to name the pavilion as a memorial to the late Tim Lush, former Lower Frankford Township supervisor.

Mort Fegley expressed concern that the cost for the pavilion be kept under \$10,000. If the cost is projected over \$10,000, the project must be publicly bid. It is FOLC's desire to do as much of the work with volunteers as possible.

F. Survey Work/Brehm Lebo

Survey work is progressing. Wetlands have been identified. A plan should be available in approximately one month from Brehm Lebo. The land development plan must be in place before any dredging can be done from the upper end of the lake. The YMCA might be interested in fill from the lake. Mort Fegley will announce to the Cumberland County Council of Governments that fill will be available for the taking.

G. DEP Application for Dam/Spillway Work

According to Gerry Woomer, the PAF&BC has submitted the DEP application necessary for dam and spillway work.

H. Growing Greener II Grant

Lower Frankford Township will be applying for a \$609,000 grant. Cumberland County Planning Commission (Stephanie Williams) is helping with the application package. Craig Houston delivered his work on the grant to Stephanie. It is desired to have the entire funding package included.

I. Treasurers Report

Craig Houston reported that Form 990 (IRS) will be submitted.

Fund balances are as follows:

General Fund: \$5,888.61

M&T Fund: \$37,444/086

Total as of 3/5/08: \$43,007.02

J. Annual Meeting

FOLC's second Annual Meeting will be held the first Saturday in May. This event, as well as a list of possible Board officers and members, will be discussed at the April board meeting. If anyone knows of an individual or individuals who might be willing to serve as FOLC Board members, please notify Ed Franco, Steve Fealtman, Cindy Criswell, or Craig Houston prior to the April meeting.

N. Next Meeting of the Board of Directors

The April meeting of the Board of Directors will be held at the Lower Frankford Township building on Wednesday, April 2, 2008 at 7:00 PM.

Corrections and Additions

The above summation is our interpretation of the items discussed and the agreed decisions at the time of this meeting. Any person desiring to add to or modify these minutes is advised to submit comments in writing to the attention of the Secretary no later than five (5) days after receipt; otherwise, these minutes will remain as issued.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia E. Criswell
Secretary