Asylum Lake Policy & Management Council
Thursday, 13 October 2011
7 pm
Parkview Hills Clubhouse
3707 Greenleaf Circle

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AGENDA:

I. Call to Order
Meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m.

II. Roll Call
   a. Sign-In Roster
      Council Members Present: Cari DeLong, Frank Wolf, Jay Emerson, Amy DeShon (alt. for Mark
                                 Hoffman), Steve Kohler, Duane Hampton, Tyler Bassett, David Nesius (alt. for Michele
                                 Richards)
      Guests Present: Cal Mastin, Phil Micklin

III. Adoption of 13 October 2011 Agenda
     Steve Kohler motioned to approve the 13 October 2011 agenda. Duane Hampton seconded. All in
     favor. None opposed.

IV. Approval of 08 September 2011 Meeting Minutes
    Cal Mastin motioned to approve the 08 September 2011 meeting minutes. Jay Emerson seconded.
    All in favor. None opposed.

V. Old Business
   a. Development of a 5-Year Strategic Plan and Budget
      Cari DeLong
        Motion: Duane Hampton motioned to approve the bidding and completion of the project to
        improve the trail from Winchell entrance to the spillway and the project to improve the
        spillway area for next year. All in favor. None opposed.
        • Frank Wolf reported on the trails committee priorities. The trail from the Winchell
          entrance to the spillway is the first priority, followed by the spillway/rest area and then
          completing the trail from the spillway to the Parkview Ave parking lot for emergency
          accessibility and ADA compliance.
        • Tyler Bassett reported on the priorities of the management committee. Tyler explained
          that the ecological work is long term. Each project involves phases. The woodlands are
          the first priority and will comprise of invasive removal in year 1, follow-up treatment and
          observation in year 2 and then restoration work in year 3.
        • Tyler explained that the woodlands is the committee’s first priority, second is the prairie
          and third is the wetlands.
        • Duane stated that implicit in the management committee priorities is that the greatest
          threat to the ecology is the invasives in the woodlands. Tyler explained that is true based
          on what they threaten. The oak woodlands are the most representative of a remnant plant
          community. This type of community is very rare in southwest Michigan.
• Cari reported on the priorities of the PR committee. Welcome signs near the entrance of the parking lots is first priority, second is informational signage and third is signage to identify and provide direction for the trails.
• There was discussion over the items on the budget.
• There was general agreement that much has been spent on infrastructure and the Council should support improving the ecological health of the property.
• There was general agreement that the project to improve the trail from Winchell entrance to the spillway and the spillway/rest area include mitigation of erosion issues that would improve the ecological health of that area. Since the design work has been completed, and these projects will improve access and the ecology, they are high priority projects for the Council.
• Duane Hampton motioned to approve the bidding and completion of the project to improve the trail from Winchell entrance to the spillway and the project to improve the spillway area for next year. All in favor. None opposed.
• Cari will work on adjusting the budget according to the discussion and priorities of the Council. She will send out a revised version of the budget through email for Council members to review.

VI. New Business
None.

VII. Project/Special Committee Reports
a. Research/Education Committee
Cari DeLong
• Cari reported on 3 applications that had been approved since our last Council meeting.
• Dr. Barkman submitted an application for his General Botany class (21 students) to count acorns, seedlings, saplings and adult oaks in the forest in order to determine the long-term viability of the oak forest. This took place on September 26, 2011.
• Tyler Bassett submitted an application to plant different native genotypes of big bluestem in the savanna 2 area of the preserve. He will be recording the adaptation and spread of the genotypes.
• Dr. Kohler submitted an application to bring his Field Environmental Ecology class to the preserve on Sept. 23rd to examine the composition of the forest and evaluate the size structure of the oak populations.

b. PR Subcommittee
Cari DeLong
• Cari announced that the PR committee is still looking for members to join.
• Amy DeShon volunteered to be part of the PR committee.

c. Trails Subcommittee
Tom Edmonds

VIII. Public Comments
Motion: Duane Hampton motioned to allow ALPA to place a boulder with a plaque at the Parkview Entrance in recognition of Monty and Renae Piercy. Frank Wolf seconded. All in favor. None opposed.
• Amy reported that ALPA would like to place a boulder with a plaque as memorial and recognition of the dedication to preserving Asylum Lake by Monty and Renae Piercy. The boulder would be placed at the Parkview entrance near the benches. Hoffman Brothers is donating the boulder and equipment for delivery and placement.
• The boulder will be delivered within the next few weeks. ALPA will have a small ceremony when it is delivered and then plan for a large event to coincide with the 5 year anniversary of the preserve in the spring.
• Duane Hampton motioned to allow ALPA to place a boulder with a plaque at the Parkview Entrance in recognition of Monty and Renae Piercy. Frank Wolf seconded. All in favor. None opposed.

IX. Council/Staff Comments
• Cari reported that the trash baskets have been installed and paid for with excess money left over from the construction of the Parkview parking lot.
• Cari reported that S&T has completed the modification to the handrail at the Winchell entrance.
• Cari stated that the rain garden off of the new Drake Road parking lot was planted last week with the help of WMU First Year Experience students.

X. Adjournment
Meeting was adjourned at 8:34pm.