

FRIENDS OF HAMLIN BEACH STATE PARK

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Attendees: Linda & Don Rabjohn, Ed Evans, Jackie Galle, Sherry Dobson, MaryAnn Hurlbutt, Eileen & Ralph Preston, Dale & Holly Jennejahn

Secretary's Report

- We continue to be contacted on a regular basis through the Facebook page and email. Most requests are about park events on the Facebook page. Recently we received an email from Ellen LaCroix who grew up near the POW camp; her grandmother owned land that was sold to the park. Ed has replied back to her.
- Patti will add a note to the June newsletter informing those who haven't paid a membership that newsletters will no longer be mailed due to the cost of postage; they may still receive newsletters via email if they provide that information to us. Our new brochure will also be sent.

Evan – student volunteer – 15 people showed up to help clean up the beach. There is a picture on the Facebook page of the trash we picked up.

Treasurer Report – Current balance - \$3,390.98. We purchased a wood splitter from Tractor Supply for \$964.98.

- A restricted fund will be set up as a housing fund to cover expenses including insurance, utilities, etc.
- Money from the wood sales will be put into the restricted fund.
- After the expense of the wood splitter has been covered, all money raised from the camp wood sales will go into the housing fund. Motion passed unanimously

Park Manager's Report

- Jay accepted a promotion to oversee the Allegheny Parks Region. He will be transitioning between now and September. AJ Spolleter will be filling in until Jay's position is filled. (This is in addition to recently losing Josh.)
- We greatly appreciate all that Jay has done for us and how he has supported the Friends group and the CCC/POW project. We are concerned that the new person will support us in the same manner. When Jay started here he was given a directive to make the CCC/POW camp a priority and Jay is positive that this will continue. We can still email Jay at the same address.
- The house insurance contract will be finalized by the end of the summer.
- We now have all the approvals we need to have the park install the water at the house.
- Liability Insurance
 - Side note – We will have \$2 million insurance coverage for about \$750 premium.
 - Motion approved to pay \$754.69 to pay the liability insurance. The money will be taken from the general fund for now.
- There are two Purple Martins in the house outside the Park office. Welcome to the newlyweds! Bring on the babies!
- Top soil and flowers for the park were purchased at three of the businesses that donated at I Love My Park Day.

Firewood – Dale Jennejahn

- 403 bundles have been sent to the camp store.
- We need to recruit help to bundle more wood. Others are welcome to help since it's an intensive amount of work.
- Please contact Dale Jennejahn if you are able to help to split wood or to bundle. All are welcome to help IF you have been trained and have filled out the volunteer form. This generally should be only when park employees are around (before 4:30). Currently organized groups are working Tuesdays and Fridays from 10-2.

Website: Future page - hamlinbeach.org

Email: fohbsp@gmail.com

Facebook page: [facebook.com/FOHBSP](https://www.facebook.com/FOHBSP)

- Scout troops could be contacted to help. Note that people can't run the splitter unless they are 18.
- Linda will contact Marv Hankinson to see if they can help with wood through community service. The volunteers must provide their own transportation.

Website

- Patti, Linda, Jackie and Sherry will meet with Michelle Ames at the Hilton West Ave. School to give suggestions for the new website.

Vegetable Garden – Moscow Rd. - Jeanine

- Flowers and Indian Corn have been planted.
- Linda Manks offered to start the pumpkins and gourds in her greenhouse. They are now ready to plant.
- Don – Fencing has been installed around the garden. Gates and hinges are almost set to go.

Wheelfest – Sherry

- \$75 was made from donations for the 6 bird houses that were made by Jim Luggert. Thank you Jim for your generosity; the bird houses are definitely popular!
- The volunteers handed out park information to people who visited. Thanks to all those who helped or stopped by.

CCC/POW Site - Ed Evans

- An AP History class visited from Albion. The teacher was very excited and wants Ed to share his info with other schools.
- Nick presented at the site for a group from the Catholic Church.
- Ed, Dan and Nick will give a presentation to a senior group, the OWLS, in the city.
- Ed handed out a map that will be used for self-guided tours. He will be creating two tour presentations, one will be short and the other will be more extensive. The goal is to make this a history trail that visitors can follow.
- Some people have been driving around the gate to get to Howden Pond. The police have been ticketing violators.
- Mowing has been quite a bit of work. Any helpers?
- 41 new photos arrived from Peter Badurra's son depicting the buildings under construction. The son contacted the group via the fohbsp@gmail.com and Facebook. The pictures gave many clues as to where buildings were located.
- Ed has a desk that was donated that will be put in the house. If anyone has other office type furniture/equipment it can be donated for the house.
- Our Eagle Scout is ready to start the second small building.

Future Fests and Events

- **Under Consideration –**
 - **Hamlin Junk Jamboree August 16.** Are we interested? Cost is \$20 for a 15' x 15' area or \$30 for 15' x 30'. Applications must be submitted by July 31st. Sherry will be the lead person; Jeanine will assist her.
 - **Hilton Apple Fest.** Saturday, Oct. 4th & 5th . No fee. Any volunteers?
 - **August 23rd, SUNY Brockport Saturday Day of Service.** Patti will submit the paperwork for general house cleaning, maintenance and park cleanup by 10-15 incoming freshman.

Meeting adjourned 8:50.

Next Meeting: July 9th. Executive Board meets at 6:00 p.m., General Meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. You do not need to be a board member to attend an Executive Meeting. These meetings are open to all members.