

Minutes of the Friends of Lapham Peak Snowmaking Committee
Web meeting via Zoom
June 16, 2020, 6:05 PM-7:30 PM

Present via Zoom: Anne Riendl, John McCarthy, Will Edwards, Charlie Ritter, Mike Graham, Rich Marusinec, Beattle Adelmeyer, Rick Bjodstrup.

Next meetings: via Zoom until further notice from 6PM to 7:45PM.
June 30, July 14, July 28, August 11, August 25

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of May 26 approved. Anne will notify John Hillmer to distribute and post to the website as appropriate.

Winter Recreation Storage Building Plans etc. – When can the Friends begin work on the Building?

– John M stated that the State review process is currently being conducted by DNR and DOA. He noted that Building is planned to be 40 feet wide by 42 feet deep.

-Rich M is working with Beattle to have an on-site meeting with the building contractor (Steve Joda) and the concrete contractor (Paul Peterson, Bud's Concrete) The plan is for Beattle to do the site excavation, and place the aggregate sub-base within the building footprint. The concrete contractor will then place the stone base for the building, followed by the concrete floor.

Rich noted that he has been in discussions with Chuck Smith of Current Electric, who is assisting with the electrical design and installation for the WRSB. Chuck is working on the one-line diagram for the electrical circuitry, and will then layout the junction box. Rich noted that DSPS approval of the electrical design and installation will be required -- he will coordinate this and get the reviews scheduled.

In reference to the proposed site meeting, John M noted that the building corners are staked in the field. John M will be providing full staking and layout for the building site and the access drive for Beattle's use in excavating the building pad and preparing the site.

-Beattle expects excavation and base prep to take about 2 days using large digger that will be available at no rental cost, but will require delivery to the site by a large 'low-boy' trailer. He has investigated the cost for this, which is more than we had hoped. After Anne R summarized the discussion, we approved use of Snowmaking Funds to pay for digger transportation to Park. Beattle noted that he would use a smaller excavator for the trenching required for the electrical line, and for trail restoration work. He also indicated that he is talking to Super Excavators about the use of one of their 'low-boy' trailers for machine delivery.

The current schedule calls for excavation work to occur during August, with building construction in September. This schedule is dependent on receipt of DNR approval of the building design. It was also noted that Beattle will be unavailable during the month of July.

Beattle is making arrangements for delivery of stone to the site by Genesee Aggregate, and is getting a discount. We intend to use a ¾-inch granular TB material for the access drive and the building sub-base.

Rich noted that all snow guns are now repaired and ready to use. John M noted that we have several 'part kits' for any needed maintenance of the hydrants. Rich has addressed other 'housekeeping' tasks for the system, such as assuring that all pedestals were locked.

-John M noted that he had observed several hydrants in the 'open' position during a recent run around the snowmaking loops. Rich M stated that Snowmaking Hydrants should always be Closed when not in use. Please let him know if a Hydrant is found to be Open during the Off Season.

-Beattle noted that the LMC snow cat started and ran great and there is no evidence of mouse damage. The LMC is owned by the DNR and is unlikely to be used after the Piston Bully arrives. The Committee is considering a recommendation that the LMC be sold by end of the year.

Charlie is continuing to work with the Town of Delafield and the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel on publicity of the snowmaking system.

Insurance coverage for FLP

- Will Edwards stated that as of June 15, 2020 new policy with Secura is in effect.

-Will noted the new insurance provides Liability coverage only until we take ownership of the PistonBully.

-The Committee Recognized the Extraordinary Effort provided by Will Edwards who obtained reasonably priced insurance coverage for the many programs of the Lapham Peak Friends.

Note: It's important to encourage all Snowmaking supporters and volunteers to become members of the Friends of Lapham Peak Unit Kettle Moraine State Forest

List of Signage Needs for Snowmaking

- Rich M and Jim Bostrom are still working on trail signs needed.

- Charlie R stated that Mark Herr has offered to produce a sign to be placed near the site for the WSRB to encourage donations to support it and the Snow cat.

Current Snow Cat status – accessories now being installed at Minnesota facility

BJ Challenge – Rick B (BJ) remains willing to match the fifth largest Snow Making Committee member donation, up to \$5000, to help buy the PistonBully 100 without the need for insurance or a loan. This match would be for donations made after 4-6-2020 by anyone who considers themselves a Committee member or Snow Maker.

Stewardship Friends Grant – John McCarthy: the \$20,000 Grant which we will need to match with funds and volunteer hours. – First \$10,000 has not yet arrived.

-per John M no new info but mentioned other grants are processing at this time.

-Charlie R stressed that the Friends have received \$47,000 in DNR grants since snowmaking began which demonstrates our partnership with the DNR

Waukesha State Bank \$10,000 Line of Credit

-Anne R stated she has seen confirmation of renewal

Fright Hike Credit Card expense account for Event Coordinator

-Anne R stated Credit Card Company is processing the request.

Evergreen Info Kiosk – Eagle Scouts – DNR is looking for Eagle Scouts - Win Man plans are on the way.

-Charlie R stated Eagle Scout Volunteers are ready to start and are waiting for DNR to approve the plans provided and allow the Scouts to work at the Lapham property.

There was a discussion of how the Pandemic may affect our future events.

Respectfully Submitted: Mike Graham