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Friends of the Fox River Trail News for August 2018

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Notes from 07/26/2018 membership meeting:

Attending: Ross Kroll, Jennifer Classon, Cliff Wall, Ron Cattelan, Nikki Hilker, Frank Radosevich, Carol Radosevich, Jim O'Rourke and Becky Nyberg

Treasurer's Report: Ron handed over the reigns for the checkbook to the new treasurer team of Ross Kroll and Ken Nyberg. Ken will receive donations and log them and Ross will deposit and do the accounting. Thank you Ron for your dedication to Friends FRT!

Account beginning balance: \$3,774.58. Two grants were received. For a sign project, \$845 and planting project, \$100. Account ending balance: \$4,657.89.

New plantings: Using the WI State Parks grant and additional donations from Schroeder's Flowers, Ken Nyberg planted the bed at the Heritage Road kiosk and spruced up the beds at St Francis Park. He will also plant bulbs this fall so we will have some early spring color along the trail.

When you pass the Heritage Road kiosk, please help by using your water bottle to give the plants a drink. They need extra water for the first month. Thanks!

Facebook: Please like the page and post photos to the site. We want to keep an active presence there.

Open Streets July 14: Jim O'Rourke headed up a booth for Friends FRT at Open Streets Green Bay. He signed up several new members for our newsletter, and gave out information on the webpage and Facebook page.

Ledgestone Market Night: Jennifer and Becky put up a booth at the June Market Night at Ledgestone Winery. They played games and gave out brochures.

FRT Merchandise: The owners of Ledgestone and Rebecca Cleveland from the Bike Hub want to work on developing Friends FRT branded merchandise to use as a fund raising tool. Ken Nyberg will take the lead to work with the businesses. The hope is to roll out the merchandise for sale during the summer 2019.

Membership Party: Time zipped past this summer and we did not get a membership party planned. We will look at this again this winter, pick a date and time and have a committee put it together. If you are interested in helping to plan it....send a note to friendsoffrt@yahoo.com

Fall Clean up: A buckthorn cut and haul is scheduled for Saturday November 3, 2018 from 9-11 am. We will meet at the parking lot south of St Francis Park. Be there or be square.

The new Park Department Business Manager, Nikki Hilker reported on these items:

- Parks and Friends FRT are working on the new wayfinding signs funded by the Friends of WI State Parks grant. Part of the process is to work with Brown County Planning on updating the online interactive map that was done about 7 years ago. A simpler version of the map will be used for the 8 large aluminum signs that will be installed along the trail. Nikki brought a paper version of the map and showed it to the group for suggestions. The new large aluminum maps will include info on restrooms, bubblers, pay stations etc. The bottom of the maps will feature info on how to find the interactive map with your smart phone and how to access Friends FRT webpage. The grant requires that the project be finished by November 2018.
- A Park Security Officer is out and about checking for WI State Trail Passes, giving warnings to those who don't have one. The Parks office is maintaining a database of all citations issued, warnings given, etc.

Next quarterly meeting:

Thursday October 25, 2018

7 to 8:30 pm

Gallagher's Pizza on Webster St