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Friends of the Fox River Trail News for May 2019

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Notes from April 25 2019 meeting:

Attending: Jim O'Rourke, Betty Wall, Ken Nyberg, Trevor Fuller, Cliff Wall, Nikki Hilker and Becky Nyberg.

Website sponsor info for 2019: The sponsorships for this year run until April 30, 2019. Ken Nyberg will contact the current sponsors. The sponsorship donation will remain at \$30 for one line acknowledgment on the webpage. Anyone interested in sponsorship starting on May 1, 2019 please use the website: <https://friendsfrt.org/become-a-member/>

Co- Treasurer wanted: Friends FRT is still looking for a co-treasurer. If interested, contact Ken Nyberg at kencnyberg@aol.com or 920-497-4537.

Treasurer report: Checkbook balance 01/03/2019 \$2,891.00. 04/25/2019 accounts balance was \$3,535.35. Ken opened a savings account for the majority of the balance so Friends FRT could earn some interest.

Merchandise sales: The Bike Hub has been sold and the new owners aren't going to sell merchandise right now. Maybe another business will want to be a point of sale. If you know any place that would sell Friends FRT branded merchandise, contact us at Friendsoffrt@yahoo.com

Spring workday: Saturday May 11, 2019 from 9-11:30 am. Volunteers will meet at the parking lot just south of St Francis Park on Riverside Drive. You will have your choice of cutting buckthorn, pulling garlic mustard or collecting trash.

Sunset Park update: Trevor reported that the Village of Allouez is continuing to combat invasive plants in the section of park at the south end between the river and the FRT. They do not have immediate plans for the area.

Connection from Mountain Bay to FRT: No one at the meeting had any information on this topic.

Brown County Parks report from Nikki Hilker:

The majority of the sign project has been completed and paid for. A kiosk still needs to be built at the Calumet, Brown County line. That will be done in 2019. Some of the signs seem to be quite high in the kiosk. Not sure if they can be lowered or if they should. Becky and Nikki will look into it.

Parks staff have been busy repairing the flood damage at Pamperin Park. Ice took out much of the playground equipment and damaged the bridge and the shelter.

Brown County Parks gets many requests to use the FRT for events that include a large group of people. It is getting hard to balance the needs of the large group with the needs of individuals using the trail at the same time. The WI State Park System, Trail Division has told Brown County they can't continue to approve more than 2-3 large group events each year. So expect to see only a few big events on the FRT this year.

Nikki did not have an update on the parking lot parcels that may be available soon in the town of Rockland. She will update us at the next meeting.

Next quarterly meeting:

Thursday July 25, 2019
7 to 8:30 pm
Gallagher's Pizza on Webster St