

Friends of Punderson Park
December 2, 2008

Ms. Swann called the meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Present: Norm Swann, Sandy Swann, Don Pizmoht, Phyllis Pizmoht, Janine Rybka, Chris Seminatore, Tom Mote

Review and approval of October minutes. Ms. Rybka motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Pizmoht seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report-Ms. Pizmoht reported that two donations were received from local families. The account balance as of 12/01/08 is \$5,917.80. Mr. Pizmoht moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Seminatore seconded. Motion carried. Please note that membership applications and donations should be sent to: Friends of Punderson Park, P.O. Box 338, 11755 Kinsman Road, Newbury, Ohio 44065-9684

Ms. Swann read a letter from Nick Fischbach offering holiday greetings and thanking all the volunteers that helped throughout the year on the various special events and projects throughout the park.

Committee Reports

Website-Ms. Swann has the website fully updated (www.friendsofpunderson.com). Information about Friends of Punderson membership, donation opportunities, volunteer committees, activities/events, and camp site information is included on the site. The site is hosted through *Go Daddy* and Ms. Swann is able to download reports about site visits. Committee members commended Ms. Swann on a job well done.

Mr. Swann indicated that the state requires a financial report from the Friends of Punderson indicating the amount of donations that were received to support projects in the park.

Trail Work-Mr. Pizmoht and Mr. Seminatore worked to groom the trails. Mr. Pizmoht designed trail markers that will help volunteers identify areas that need to be groomed. The markers, which will be placed approximately 1,000 feet apart, have the added benefit of marking the six trails in the park. Mr. Pizmoht discussed producing trail head signage and mentioned that a sign maker in Chardon may be able to assist.

Fall Raffle Winner-Ms. Swann announced that the fall raffle winner was Dan Anderson of Kent, Ohio. He won a Punderson State Park Package that included a 4 rounds of golf, a weekend of camping at Punderson, and Sunday brunch at Punderson State Park Lodge.

Park Projects-Mr. & Mrs. Hill purchased 12 storage bins for Friends of Punderson materials that will be stored at the nature center. They also purchased *Hillbilly Golf games* and built two corn hole games. Total expenditures were \$205.81 well under the approved budget of \$375.00.

The *Friends* obtained a quote of \$1,500 to stripe the basket court. The cost to stripe the basketball and tennis courts is not affordable. Mr. Swann will check with the Ohio Department of Transportation.

Ms. Swann suggested that the *Friends* host an informational table with a **poster exhibit of projects, membership information, and a 50/50 raffle** at the upcoming Ohio Dog Classic (Siberiancleveland.org). The event date is January 10-11(alternate date is February 21-22), from 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. She will circulate a volunteer list. Ms. Rybka will create a membership brochure.

New Business

Frisbee (disc) Golf Course-Mr. Tom Mote presented information about the proposed nine hole, championship level, family friendly DGA MachIII Disc course. The cost to build the course is \$5,200. Mr. Mote suggested fundraising ideas and sponsorship levels that provide opportunities for local businesses and organizations to advertise.

Ms. Swann moved to add a *disc golf committee* to the *Friends* organizational chart and to appoint Mr. Mote chair of the committee. Mr. Seminatore seconded. Motion carried.

Ms. Rybka indicated that the park can promote the Disc Golf as one of the activities under the State Parks “Explore the Outdoors” initiative.

Mr. Swann has met with W. B. Cleveland, III to discuss park operations and potential projects. Mr. Cleveland is a new member of the *Friends* and has expressed an interest in getting active. His family has a history with the park and he is interested in dedicating funding in the amount of \$10,000 memory of his grandfather. Mr. Seminatore motioned to accept the donation from Mr. Cleveland, under the condition of using the donation as the family requests. Mr. Pizmoht seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Swann also mentioned that Mr. Cleveland indicated that an old family boat sunk in the lake many years ago and can still be seen by boaters. Mr. Swann plans to add it as a site on the Water Trail. The site may be attractive to scuba divers.

Newsletter-Sandy Swann asked for articles.

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Membership Recruitment-Members suggested ideas for recruiting new members. One idea expressed was to add the website address to the entrance sign. Another idea was to create membership brochure, which Ms. Rybka will work on. Members also discussed purchasing a *Friends of Punderson* sign or table covering with logo for a more professional membership table. Ms. Rybka will check on the table covering and Ms. Pizmoht will check on a sign. Ms. Swann motioned to purchase a sign or an 8 ft. table covering at a cost not to exceed \$250. Mr. Pizmoht seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Mote suggested that *Friends of Punderson* apply for a Legacy Grant from the State of Ohio *Friends Group* for the Frisbee Golf project. The group suggested applying for the total cost to

implementing the project or for the maximum grant amount, but not to exceed \$3000. Ms. Swann motioned to develop and submit a grant proposal. Ms. Rybka seconded. Motion carried.

Next meeting Wednesday, January 14 at Punderson State Park Office at 7:00 p.m. Guests are welcome.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.