

Lawrence Nature Center Minutes  
11/10/10

Attendance:

Rick Dutko, Helen Dutko, Anne Demarais, Ilene, Heidi D'Ascoli, Teresita, John Gastons, Lisa Ilaria, Mike, Sue Hermann, Madeline Price, Dave Bosted, Alan Remde, Carol Nicholas.

By Laws:

- John proposed adding to section 5 "A majority vote is required to take action."
- The bylaws were voted on and approved unanimously. See attachment for the final version.
- Carol has an accountant friend, Mary Bennett, who had experience opening 501(c)3 and she volunteered to help the FLNC proceed with the paperwork.

Board of Trustee:

- Volunteers who expressed an interest to be on the board John, Teresita, Anne, Linda Townsend, Carol, Rick, Helen, Lisa, Sue, Mike, Dave, Linda Burroughs, Heidi.
- Pam volunteered to be the Township Liaison.
- The slate will be voted into office at the December 8th meeting.

Native Garden:

- Rick presented the binder of plant information about 35 plant fact sheets which is also on flash drive. He will make a CD as the file is so large.
- The project ran out of money to put up educational signs and plant id's.
- Rick wrote a grant for \$2000 to the Washington Crossing Audubon Society for plant id's, signs, lighting, rain barrel diverting, bird bath, bird feeder, and edging. Will hear back in February 2011.

Trails Grant:

Lawrence Township has received \$25,000 from the 2010 New Jersey Recreational Trails grant program for Drexel Woods Trail Improvements!

[http://www.state.nj.us/dep/newsrel/2010/10\\_0120.htm](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/newsrel/2010/10_0120.htm)

Property:

- Teresita had a work day in October with Alpha Chi Rho fraternity cleaning the grounds, trimming, mulching.
- The Tau Kappa Epsilon from Rider are looking for another work project. The group suggested tackling the rose bushes on the White Trail. Teresita will follow up.
- Scout Garret Falk measured the butterfly garden and will hopefully be able to present his proposal at the next meeting.
- Lawrence Prep would like to do a community service clean up January 17th.
- Teresita asked people to please clean the tools after using them to help preserve them. Clippers need to be sharpened.

Publicity:

- Teresita was able to get articles about 2 upcoming programs in the US1 and local papers, Rain Garden - November 13th, Changing Seasons - November 17th.

- US1 would like to add our events to their calendar. Teresita will send July and August family night dates.
- Teresita will do a survey of the neighborhood about music program and other questions. Alan volunteered to help her. She will distribute a draft survey for input from members. Alan mentioned that people have trouble finding the nature center because of poor signs.
- Teresita hopes to have the survey completed and submitted to Rick so that she can proceed to plan a January indoor music program.

Treasurer:

- Linda opened an account at Sovereign Bank Lawrence Shopping Center and deposited the \$50 donation from LeLeche.

New Business:

- The Dutko boys would like to start a Facebook page for the LNC. The group approved the idea.

Pot Luck:

- At the December 8 meeting we will have a quick vote and induction into office meeting, and then Holiday Party. Bring a dish to share. The following people signed up to bring:

Alan	Veggie dish
Ilene	Salad
Rick/Helen	Carne Con papa/White rice
David	Pesto Pasta
Linda	Broccoli Cheese Egg Bake
Madeline	cookies
Sue	Meatballs in Sauce
Anne	Roast Chicken, deviled eggs
Teresita	Chicken concereza
John	Yellow rice
Carol	Dessert

- Please RSVP to Carol at [csn78@verizon.net](mailto:csn78@verizon.net) if you will be attending the party.

Calendar:

- If you need a calendar for next year, attached is Anne's 2011 Bird Calendar.