

## **Lawrence Nature Center Minutes May 11, 2011**

**Attendance:** Rick Dutko, Helen Dutko, Madelaine Price, John Gaskins, Linda Burroughs., Teresita Heron-Bastides Dave Bosted, Anne Demarais, Sue Herrmann, Linda Townsend, Steve Groeger, Tahirih Smith, Heidi D'Ascoli.

### **Scouts:**

- Delia Monken presented her idea for a Silver Award project, "Build-a-box for Woodies". She will build 1-2 boxes and place them along the Shabakunk Creek. Rick will guide her where to place on the property. Steve Groeger gave permission on behalf of the township to install them.
- Rick met with Ben Campos to discuss further the construction of 4 bluebird boxes and 2 feeders for the meadow.
- Max Reitz decided to make the trail from the kiosk to the white trail.
- Andrew Moldoff will build a bridge by pebblebeach near the fallen beech tree. John Harris will help supervise. It could be as long as 32 feet.
- Future project ideas were discussed. On the list are: interpretive trail, compost pile, ramps for the board walks. These will be installed once the boardwalks are finished.

### **Festival:**

- Teresita recorded 300 visitors not counting all the participating organizations. Everyone loved the reception table, and the LNC table with children activities was the biggest hit. Also kudos to the sustainability table that had great kid crafts. The garden club table was beautifully decorated. Will put names of each organization on the tables next year.
- The Lucy Free/plant table earned \$98 and the book sale earned \$36. The bands will be paid \$100, and the animal show is \$150 for a total of \$250 expenses.
- The Girl Scout food was a big hit, and they asked to do it again next year.

### **Sustainable Lawrence:**

- They are organizing Ralph's Ride which is 3 bike trips leaving Rider on June 11, 9am. Finding alternative transportation is the focus. One of the rides will end at the LNC. Teresita volunteered to have refreshments and receive any visitors.

### **Open House June 10, 6-8 pm:**

- Herb Lord is returning to town on May 14-18 and Rick will try to get the photos then so the gallery can be planned for the Open House on June 10. Anne will help facilitate. The time has been changed to 6-8 pm. Refreshments will be served.
- Steve will ask Greg Whitehead if the pegboard displays were ever retrieved from storage.

### **Family Night:**

- August 2<sup>nd</sup> is the only night left open looking for a speaker. Please sign up with Anne to be a host and assist the speakers welcome the guests and help with crowd control, open and close the center, serve refreshments.
- Carol will call the Troop 28 boy scout leader to see if he would like to do wilderness first aid.

### **New Business:**

- Tahirih was called when a swarm of bees was at Chapin School. They were able to capture the swarm in a hive, and transport it to the nature center. It is behind

- the red maple tree near the butterfly garden for now. The bees are thriving so far. Another colony will arrive in the mail soon for the other side of the meadow.
- Summer Solstice - Ange Chianese will lead a drumming night, June 21, 7:30 pm
  - Lawrence Farmers market was asking if LNC wanted a table to promote our events. Sue volunteered to do it opening day Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup>, 20 10 am-2 pm. Sustainable Lawrence suggested that we share our table so will need fewer volunteers.
  - Toge Colavita is working with organizations to decorate hubcaps that will be all connected to make a large animal on the front lawn of the municipal building July 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - Carol will do a new newsletter in time for the Open House.
  - Alan Remde made a new sign at the entrance that is beautiful. He will save the old one so we can decide where to place it.
  - Rick did not have any audience for his wonderful Scatology talk. He does have a walk this Sunday 9-11 – Warbling Warblers.
  - Sue has found a new way to store nature center pictures on a google website.
  - Carol heard back from 2 designers who felt that the white picket fence was the best option for this style house around the native species garden. She will help price some options.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Nicholas, Secretary  
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