

FLNC Meeting Minutes 09-11-13

Attendance: Anne Demarais, Rick Dutko, Janet Kane, Teresita Bastides-Heron, Virginia Kelly, Zachary Ciemniecki, Carter William, Mike Grzankowski, Dave Bosted, Steve Groeger, John Gaskins

Scout Projects: Zachary Ciemniecki of Troop 91 proposes, as an Eagle Scout Project, to build 10 sections of boardwalk on the Blue Trail, starting from where Nick Bosted's boardwalk ends. The total will be about 112 linear feet and the project will be consistent with our standards for elevation, construction techniques, width, etc.

Carter William proposes as a scout project, moving the beehive into the meadow and building an enclosure, platform, and boardwalks for the it. In this way the bees would have a healthier environment, the bees would be protected, and people would be protected from the bees. Teresita mentioned that Tahirih Smith has suggested planting flowers near the beehive. Rick suggested that Carter talk to Mr. Groeger because the Township had concerns about being able to mow the meadow easily. Dave Bosted noted that when the meadow is mowed the hive would be noticeable to vandals and exposed to the weather.

Deck: Mr. Groeger says the goal is to have the deck completed soon.

Past Minutes: Teresita moved to approve the minutes. Rick seconded. The minutes from the last meeting are approved.

Past Events: We got a \$250 donation from the Mom's Club. Teresita and Nick Bosted worked with Princeton University student volunteers on the rain garden, butterfly garden, trails, cleaning up the grounds, etc.

Future Events: Tomorrow, September 12, 2013 at 5:30 pm there will be a ceremony for the addition of 10 acres to the Salt-Bossio preserve. The ceremony will be near Eldridge Avenue and Rolfe.

The next Education Committee meeting will be Tuesday September 24, 2013. Sue unfortunately will not be here tonight due to personal issues.

Rick will be doing a Bat Presentation at the Brearley House on October 27th, after 5 PM.

Community Day is Sunday, October 6, 2013. Sue will be there if possible. Teresita suggested we have a table next to Sustainable Lawrence and Anne said the Greenway may be there too.

Initiatives for Improvement: One suggestion is to keep the meetings down to an hour. We should also try to come up with suggestions in regard to allowing the Friends to function more smoothly. Email the group, or Anne, if you have ideas.

Newsletter: We could “Summarize the Summer” as Mr. Groeger noted. The Summer events were successful and we can talk about that and solicit suggestions for next year.

Website Committee Meeting: Steve hopes we can schedule one soon but we need to wait until Sue is available.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Submitted,

John Gaskins