



Groen Visioning Committee

Friday, October 14, 2011 – 1:30 p.m.
Johannesburg-Lewiston Schools
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MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Olsen called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Members Present —Lee Olsen, John Burt, Jim Hilgendorf, Pam Duczkowski, Mike Tarbutton, Don Sklarczyk,

Others Present — Patricia Osburn, Roger Latusek, David Black, Mary Latusek

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Committee recognized the minutes of August 17, 2011 as presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Review of June 24 Tasks

Ms. Duczkowski is in the process of coming up with questions to ask when interviewing people as part of the oral histories. She is also working with a contact at Greenfield Village on research of the property.

Sklarczyk informed the Committee that when the Committee is ready for placement of the old jail, it will be ready. The building is approximately 24' x 24'.

Mary Latusek reported that Pauline Switalski has a building being used as a granary that used to be on the Groen property. It is a story and a half. It will have to be moved, which will require a wide load permit.

Roger Latusek obtained an estimate for replacing the roof on the former Echo Valley Resort lodge with a metal shake shingle, along with asphalt, at a cost of \$18,820 which is significantly higher than the regular shingle roof priced earlier. It would also require support to be added to the building due to the weight of the roof.

Burt did some preliminary mapping, and will do the full mapping of the trails in approximately one week once the leaves are off the trees.

Nowak passed around some of the historic photos he has collected. The Committee discussed the different sources for historic photos.

Tarbutton reported that the Road Commission is willing to plow snow near the Phase 1 entrance.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Lake Superior State University Class Project

David Black, a student from Lake Superior State University, was introduced to the class. His class is looking to do a recreational plan, with a completion deadline of December 1. The Committee discussed different ideas that he and his group from class could work on, including trail delineation, a Phase 1 Plan, and historic photo organization and map creation. The Committee discussed that the focus of the class is more on recreational plans, which does not fit very well with this property since only a small portion of activities would be considered recreational. Also, the December 1 deadline does not leave much time to work on the project. Tarbutton brought up an idea for another project involving taking the County Park's Libke Fields softball diamonds and coming up with other uses for the park. Mr. Black will discuss the Groen property and the Libke Fields project with his teacher and get back to Burt and Tarbutton.

The Committee discussed the need to get organized and have a plan for the historical gathering of data. They discussed the idea of hiring someone or having Phil Alexander help. The Committee decided to revisit the idea after the final conservation easement and other documents are completed.

B. Master Plan

The Committee expressed the need to have a professional help put together a master plan, but first the property needs to be transferred to the County, and the Committee has to decide how best to get organized as mentioned earlier in the meeting.

C. Next Meeting Date

The Committee will meet once the property transfer documents and conservation easement are completed.

Mr. Olsen adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m.