

Minutes of the Friends of Rock Bridge Memorial State Park Board meeting – September 10, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. A quorum was present. The meeting agenda was approved, and the July minutes were also approved by the Board.

News from the Park

- The Park is putting in another RV site at the back of the maintenance building for another Handy Host
- There will be less hours for seasonal help in the Spring
- The new Handy Hosts are here until just before Thanksgiving
- The next cave trip is scheduled for September 22 – it will be a mixture of folks (bats, planarians, water sampling, firefighters) – Sarah is working on getting younger folks up to speed to be leaders on cave trips
- A grant from Missouri Bird Conservation Initiative has provided funding for 2 contractors at the park
- All state employees (with few exceptions – state hospital and prisons, for example) are now at-will employees – no longer merit employees
- Missouri Department of Conservation is not impacted because they have their own commission and do their own hiring, etc.
- Sarah is working on making directions in Gans Creek Wilderness Area less confusing

Treasurer's report

- Jan to check to see if refund from Sentinel has been included in interpretive sign fund balance
- A couple of other adjustments will also be made
- A motion was made and seconded to close the Peckham account and put in the other checking account
- Bethany Haid is in position to take over for Meredith next year

Old Business

- Lynne gave a brief update on WQ sampling at the Park
- McTurnan property – pre-annexation agreement has been agreed to – will connect City sewer to the development by way of Boone County Regional Sewer District
- New homes are being developed west of Highway 63
- A cross-country trail is being developed in Gans Creek Recreation Area (City park)
- NEEF survey questions – the Board members made a list of potential questions for the NEEF grant survey
- CoMo Gives
 - o Jan sent out 1 page fundraising plan – we went through this at the meeting
 - o Board members should make lists of people who might donate – even \$5 – and provide email and/or mailing addresses
 - o Board members should distribute giving guides
 - o More strategies and tactics will be discussed moving forward
 - o Jan will check on percent of donations going to CoMo Gives

Next Board meeting has been moved to November 19th so it will be after the CoMo Gives booklets have become available

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.