

## **GREENE BARN AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** September 3, 2019

**PLACE:** Forest Preserve District Headquarters, Wheaton, IL

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rachel Jenness, Diane Sellinger, Britney Toussaint and Jim Hill

**FPDDC PERSONNEL PRESENT:** Jay Johnson

**NON-COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Roman and Carrie Szczesniak, Shannon Greene Robb, Beth Wilson and Nicole Kmetz, Helene Lamarre

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:00 p.m.

### **CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS:**

Welcome. The minutes for the meeting on Aug 26, 2019 were approved

### **COMMITTEE COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:**

The committee discussed the upcoming presentation to the board of commissioners on Oct. 8. Decision was made to offer/distribute to the board information well in advance of the presentation. Discussion included Prezi vs. PP, monthly program calendar, revised scope provided by Pres. Daniel Hebreard, including partnerships in the presentation, specifying "the ask".

Decision was made to wait to show programming Britney has compiled until next week.

Beth Wilson, Director of Hobson School informed the committee about their school, methodology/philosophy and the emphasis they place on nature during the school day and their desire to always connect young children to nature. Students spend 50% of the day outside. Beth explained co-op process and how this enriches the program and could enhance the barn. The administration would like to expand, offering programs at the forest preserve (outside) and eventually residing in a classroom (inside) at the barn. Their current waitlist exceeds their enrollment. Further conversation included necessary features for the design of an early childhood classroom. The committee all agreed that the school would be an ideal partner.

Brief conversation included researching the following programs to evaluate need for a performance space...The Special Place, Artful Impact, The Turning Point, SEASPAR – Southeast Association for Special Parks and Recreation, SCARCE.

The committee reviewed layouts and will contact John Morley with a summary.

The committee provided a re-cap of the RABR. The race proved definite interest in this location. 177 participants. Profit of over \$2,000. Support by commissioners and sponsors was evident. The decision was made to host it again next year.

**Public Comment:**

Plumbing will go down, nothing above. Bracing will be needed behind walls for large garage door type of opening, walls would need support.

Rock climbing on outside of silos could be dangerous and lead to security issues.

Shannon Greene Robb of Arranmore Arts and Arranmore Events has connections with Artful Impact and Turning Point. She has partnered with one or both of these organizations previously, stating their history and ability to work together at the barn in the future.

Community member complimented the race

SCARCE is an acronym for School and Community Assistance for Recycling and Composting Education

The FPDDC is doing things to facilitate participation for those with special needs...Special Needs Adventure Day at St. James.

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