

GREENE BARN AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: March 18, 2019

PLACE: St. James Farm Forest Preserve, Winfield, IL

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Rachel Jenness, Chairperson, Diane Sellinger, Britney Toussaint, Jim Hill, Troy Cooper (absent)

FPDDC PERSONNEL PRESENT: Wayne Zaininger, St. James Farm site manager

NON-COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: none

CALL TO ORDER: 5:00 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS:

- * Thanks for Wayne, our FPDDC liaison, for hosting our meeting at this renovation site.
- * Our next meeting is Mon., April 1 at 7 p.m. at the Forest Preserve District office.
- * A commercial realtor will discuss the financial impact of various vendor options on 4/1.
- * Mention of online petition to rally support and acknowledgement of the Greene Barn.
- * Ad Hoc committee representatives to attend the Woodridge Jubilee and the Village of Woodridge's annual town meeting on April 11
- * On March 13, Rachel and Diane met with Wayne to see the inside of Oak Cottage and discuss anticipated expenses necessary to provide public access to code.
- * On March 18, Rachel and Britney met with Village of Woodridge to discuss their interest in a potential partnership with the FPDDC for the barn complex and river front area.
- * The Village of Woodridge expressed interest in holding part of their 60th anniversary celebration at this complex in 2019.
- * The Village of Woodridge expressed interest in considering a Naperville Riverwalk model for this area.
- * The mixing of old (barn area) and new (Seven Bridges retail complex) is appealing to them as they seek to enhance their community and brand the Village.
- * Woodridge inquired about leasing/purchasing possibilities for the complex.
- * Rachel/Britney discussed possible hosting of 5K race with music, food as part of Woodridge celebration, with possible corporate sponsorship if FPDDC permits secured.
- * Rachel will seek grant dollars available through Woodridge for celebration related activities that will/may be shared with several professionals/organizations.
- * Wayne provided a tour of the refurbished riding arena complex entrance, explained its time line and funding model, mentioning a unique endowment, along with the many government mandates/extraordinary expenses required to conform to public access codes.
- * The revenue generating opportunities are currently being developed at St. James Farm now that the major construction of the arena complex is complete.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REMARKS:

- * Members would like to meet with Danada House employees to discuss their lucrative revenue model and agreement with the FPDDC.
- * Code requirements can compromise the ability to maintain vintage charm.

- * Research will be done on FPDDC financial promises to disgruntled Greene Valley residents who endured years of Chicago/suburban area trash being dumped in our preserves.
- * What is the revenue stream for the landfill methane recovery gas energy being converted near the landfill and sold to the electric grid? There's a need to better understand our ROI (Return on Inconvenience) as the FPDDC promised great investment in enhancing the Greene Valley Forest Preserve region.
- *Rachel is going to work on the Village of Woodridge grant
- *Britney is contacting administration at the Village of Woodridge Parks and Recreation
- *Diane will be checking into getting a special permit for Woodridge celebration
- *Diane is contacting Jill Ludvigson at the Danada House to discuss business model and volunteer schedule plus programing or rental spaces.

ADJOURN: **7:40 p.m.**

Rachel:

-Residents should use trails and walk or bike ride to barn complex to avoid traffic congestion at complex intersection and on Greene Rd., in general.

Items to consider for exterior community gathering/building include:

-Low key, simple, and unique playground options for children

-Painted checkerboard tables and batchi ball

-stage/theater

-bonfire pit (cautiously placed)

-Adirondak chairs