

GREENE BARN AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: April 15, 2019

PLACE: Forest Preserve District Headquarters, Wheaton, IL

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

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

NON-COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: none

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS:

- Welcome. Our next meeting is Monday, April 29. FPDDC President, Dan Hebreard will be attendance.
- A summary of our current contacts, research, progress, thus far was recounted.
- Committee members were reminded of the high-school architecture competition on on April 24th at 8:30 a.m. at the Naperville Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle Street.
- Our chairperson hopes to meet a Naperville resident/large scale project builder at this event and will extend an invitation to him to present at one of our May meetings.
- We hope to also host a commercial real estate agent within a week of the builder through an altered May schedule, given the Memorial Holiday.
- A subset of the Ad Hoc committee members are continuing to work with the Village of Woodridge towards securing grant monies available for their 50th and 60th anniversaries of the Woodridge Park District and the Village of Woodridge.
- A portion of the barn/forest preserve complex grounds may be made available, at the very least, as a part of any concluding activities for the Woodridge celebration.
- This same subset of committee members hosted a display table on the Greene Barn to build awareness and interest in this complex at the recent Village of Woodridge Town Meeting on April 11.
- The success of the "Food Truck Fridays" within the Will County Forest Preserve District was discussed in terms of purpose, revenue, cost and permits after direct contact with the manager of that program was made by a committee member.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REMARKS:

- Committee members will continue to reach out to the commissioners as a means of introduction to share our hopes for the project.
- FPDDC Planning Manager, Kevin Horsfall, would be a welcome speaker at one of our upcoming meetings. Wayne Zaininger will try to coordinate his attendance in the hope that Kevin can shed some light on the minimum construction requirements for public use for the interior of the barn.
- Much discussion ensued about the importance of providing a final proposal in Phases, focusing on outside activities to gauge interest level before proceeding to interior upgrades for public use.

- Committee members are dividing up to work on each of those phases, including, but not limited to, projected revenue streams and cost of exterior equipment.
- Committee members will contact local not-for-profit and for-profit entities using the contact list developed to gauge interest in renting space in the barn for various events.
- Committee members would want to see Phase II funding ear-marked as a Phase I launch would begin for any funds provided by the FPDDC.
- Committee members looked at more detailed drawings/photographs of Teng Associates plan from 1/10 to complete the barn for public use.
- Members noted the number of critical architectural posts in each section of the barn.
- Access points to the silos was also discussed (in terms of possible future use, i.e. wall climbing).
- The committee members were recounting the condition of the concrete pad on the south side of the barn and the need for a gravel path to the barn from the parking lot.
- Two committee members have yet to see the inside of the barn/Oak Cottage and Wayne Zaininger agreed to meet with them on Wednesday of this week.

ADJOURN: 8:30 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