

GREENE BARN AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: May 20, 2019

PLACE: Forest Preserve District Headquarters, Wheaton, IL

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

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

NON-COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Ramon Szczesniak

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS:

Welcome and announcement that our next meeting will be June 10, 2019
Approved minutes from May 13, 2019.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:

- A second viewing of the Phase 1 concept was provided in order to inform all committee members about the concept and gain feedback from the committee that will need to be included for the final summary/presentation in the fall.
- A discussion regarding the Phase 2 concept centered around positive feedback from three not-for-profit organizations that have all expressed an interest in utilizing the barn for various gathering purposes. It was determined by the committee that the best way to gather, research and evaluate community interest in the use of the barn would be for the committee to suggest to the Forest Preserve to put out a press release indicating a desire for not-for-profits to write a RFP. This process would greatly assist the committee in finding the appropriate partnerships needed to utilize the barn. The committee questioned reaching out to private entities due to the Down State Forest Preserve Act and the hesitancy of President Hebreard's desire to form a public/private partnership. The committee decided to move forward requesting that any/all potential partnerships be explored.
- Discussion ensued regarding starting a not-for-profit for the Greene barn.
- The committee discussed options concerning operation and management of the barn.
- The committee requested that Wayne Zaininger discuss a press release by/with the FPDDC so the committee can gain information via this route.
- Committee member expressed desire to stay within time allotted on agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Emphasis on connecting trails is important
- Splash pad at Hobson and Woodridge road...questioning the repeat of the concept. Committee responded that the two locations differ in purpose and offerings.

Adjourn 9:00pm