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TARRYWILE PARK AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

February 17, 2009

CALL TO ORDER:

On Wednesday, February 17, 2009 at 6:32 p.m., the regular meeting of the Tarrywile Park Authority, was called to order at Tarrywile Mansion, 70 Southern Blvd., Danbury, CT, by Vice-Chairman T. Cutsumpas.

ATTENDANCE

The following board members were recorded as present:

Board Members: B. Talarico, M. Repole, J. Preston, J. Harner, R. McGarrigal, W. Platz, D. Manacek & T. Cutsumpas

Board Members Absent: M. Marcus

Park Staff Present: S. Moy

Guests: Mark Nolan (Friends of Tarrywile Treasurer), Cyndi Jugler (Friends of Tarrywile Vice-Chairman)

Vice Chairman Cutsumpas took a brief moment to welcome the newest Board member Dave Manacek to the meeting.

AGENDA:

1. **Minutes:** A motion was made by R. McGarrigal to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2009 regular meeting. M. Repole seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **Financial:** A motion was made by M. Repole to approve the January 2009 Financial Reports. R. McGarrigal seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

S. Moy also reported on the Capital Reserve account totals and what the money represents.

3. **Correspondence:** NONE

4. **Chairman's Report:** Chairman Marcus was unable to attend the meeting, so no Chairman's Report was available.

5. **Committee Reports:**

A. **Over Time Review:** Vice Chairman Cutsumpas reported that the topic will be brought up at the March meeting when Chairman Marcus is present.

6. **Staff Reports:**

A. **New Business:**

1. **February 2009 Park & Mansion Use Reports:** The February use report stated that there are 6 events scheduled for the Park with 390 people anticipated. There are 8 events scheduled for the Mansion with apx. 357 people attending. In February a total of 14 events will be held at the Park and Mansion with apx. 747 people attending.

B. **Old Business:**

1. **WinterFest 2009:** S. Moy reported that apx. 300 people attended the event. EMS, Danbury Fish & Game, the Danbury Fire Department, the Friends of Tarrywile, Ice Matters and Wild Birds Unlimited were all present at the event. Story Walk kicked off and was introduced to the Park visitors using the book *Tracks in the Snow*. And the annual Fruitcake Toss was a great success. The event was covered by The Danbury News-Times and also Crossroads Magazine (a weekly t.v. program).

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7. Other Business:

A. Friends of Tarrywile Report: Barbara Talarico reported that she attended the last meeting. The main topic of discussion was the WinterFest event. Barbara noted that the Friends did have a suggestion that we consider moving the event time frame to 11 am – 2 pm. With the thought that they may be able to sell more food if the event is based more at lunch time.

The Friends are currently working on their mailing list and have purchased a database software package. If anyone has a name of someone who may be interested in the Friends group, please feel free to email them the contact information.

They are also currently planning for their annual Evening at the Mansion on Friday June 12, 2009. Union Savings Bank has already agreed to be a sponsor for the event.

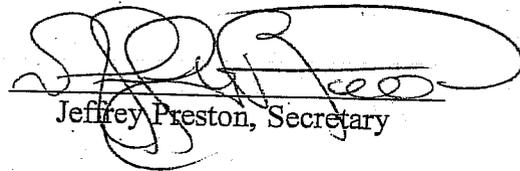
The Friends at the request of S. Moy are also working to solicit volunteers for National Trails Day. They had a sign up sheet at WinterFest and got several people to sign up. Mark Nolan also asked if Arbor Day and National Trails Day could be combined. S. Moy explained how Arbor Day has traditionally been used as a day to maintain the specimen trees surrounding the Mansion and National Trails Day is used as a day to work on the Trail system.

Mark Nolan and Cyndi Jugler requested that the Friends and the TPA exchange their minutes so that each group will know what the other is doing. Discussion followed. S. Moy had instructed B. Petro to email them to the Friends after the last Board meeting. She believed that they had been emailed but will double check.

Adjournment

A motion was made by M. Repole to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Seconded by B. Talarico. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jeffrey Preston, Secretary

***NOTE: These minutes are a draft copy of the February 17, 2009 Tarrywile Park Authority Board Meeting. A final approved copy will not be available until such time as the Board votes on them at their next regularly scheduled Board Meeting. Any corrections will be reflected in the next months minutes.