



Public
Board of Directors Meeting
September 24, 2015
7:30 AM

I. Quorum Established

- a. BOD in attendance: Carl Reiser, Robert Buckley, Stephanie Fielding, Frank Manfredi, Stacie Lambert, Leland Loose, Kathy LaCombe, Pete Desaulniers, Eileen Williams and John Bilda.
- b. Absent: Dee Boisclair, Mayor Hinckey, Michael Rauh and John Harrold.
- c. Others in attendance: Robert Mills, Jason Vincent, Miria Toth and Vanessa Robinson.
- d. Guests: Brandon Hyde & Kathryn Lord from Chelsea Botanical Gardens

II. Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order at 7:28 by Chairman Buckley.

III. June and August Minutes

- a. The June and August Minutes were reviewed by those present. There was no July meeting. A motion was made by Carl and seconded by Leland. All were in favor to accept both sets of minutes.

IV. Treasurer's Report

- a. Carl reported that a mathematical error was made by excel in the previously approved budget and the Finance and Executive Committees want the full board to be aware of it and approve of the corrected budget for fiscal 2015-2016. In order to correct the discrepancy, the contingency line item was reduced by \$93,523 and income was increased by \$35,000 based on likely new projects. The new bottom line is a budget of \$655,865. A motion from Leland and a second from Frank to adopt the corrected version was made. All were in favor.

V. Chelsea Botanical Gardens

- a. Brandon Hyde and Kathryn Lord presented to the board the project of developing the Chelsea Botanical Gardens project in Mohegan Park. To date six acres have been cleared to gain access to the site. They currently have a wetlands permit, defeated the request for a temporary injunction by a local resident, have performed a traffic survey to be certain that local neighborhoods will not be impacted and are working with CLA on the planning phase. NPW will not be

responsible for clearing snow from the private parking or sidewalks in inclement weather.

Phase 1A will include the butterfly pavilion, an educational component and rest rooms and would generate approximately \$2.7 million in economic gain to the area.

- b. The Chelsea Botanical Gardens is looking for support thru public relations campaigns, local businesses and citizens.
- c. Handed out fact sheet regarding project.

VI. Walktoberfest

- a. Walktoberfest begins this weekend with the grub crawl on Saturday with Tucker and the Heritage walk on Sunday with Jason. Also Sunday is a Croquet tournament and our team is still looking for members.

VII. Welcome New Executive Secretary

- a. Vanessa Robinson is the new Executive Secretary.

VIII. Annual Meeting

- a. October meeting on the 22nd
- b. November and December meetings will be combined on December 10
- c. The annual meeting will be held in January 2016.
- d. Leland spoke about Thayer's being recognized as the number one sales and service for bass boats and proposed that we have an award ceremony of some type to recognize local businesses, possibly teaming with the chamber.

IX. President's Report

- a. A meeting will be set to work on business plan for the CoWork opportunity.

X. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 am by Carl and seconded by Leland.

XI. Next Meeting is 10/22/2015 @ 7:30 AM.