

Switzkill Farm Board Meeting

Town of Berne
PO Box 57
Berne, NY 12023

Date: July 5, 2017

Board members present: Ted Kunker, Diane Kingston, Richard Ronconi, Mark Hohengasser, Lee Jones, Karen Schimmer (Town Board Liaison) and other interested citizens.

Ted Kunker called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Review of Minutes: The minutes from June 6, 2017 were reviewed. Mr. Hohengasser moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Jones seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence: none

Guests: Representatives were on hand to discuss Renew-the-Earth.com.

Business:

Ms. Schimmer reported on: a \$150k grant for parking, lodge roofing and general repairs (funds would be available next year); Chance Townsend, a new employee for the Town, will be helping put new roofing on barns; waiting to hear on final brochure and printing; Dick Stock asked about holding a music festival at Switzkill on 9/23, Board may consider combining with harvest fest.

Board discussed harvest fest: will contact Dick Stock about holding the event on either 10/7 or 10/14; will contact Sue Hawkes-Teeter about having orienteering event in conjunction; Diane Poole said there was a reunion scheduled for 9/23; parking near the lodge and near the apple trees was discussed; Mr. Hohengasser will draw up parking lot plans with Mark Sengenberger; a volunteer "painting party" for the buildings will be considered; contents of outbuildings needs to be declared "surplus"; Switzkill stage will be made available to clogging group at Music Fest.

The Board discussed the lodge roof and the need to replace/repair flashing and tiles. Ms. Schimmer will contact Kevin Crosier about how to proceed.

Mr. Kunker, and anyone one willing to help, will install ramp at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

Finances: Mr. Jones reported \$625 of income for the month. Ms. Schimmer suggested that Mr. Jones could help price and budget projects going forward, especially regarding grant proposals.

Calendar: Ms. Poole submitted a copy of the current reservation calendar. Board reviewed. A lock box for the key was suggested.

Friends of Switzkill: Mr. Kunker asked Board members to visit RenewtheEarth website. Mr. Ronconi said he'd spoken with BKW Superintendant Mundell about educational programs at Switzkill and will be meeting with him within soon. Mr. Hohengasser suggested reserving a section of one of the buildings to hold student projects.

New Business: Mr. Kunker asked Board members' whose terms are expiring at the end of 2017 to contact him regarding whether they are interested in serving another term; asked members if they know of anyone interested in being on the Board to contact him.

Summerfest: The Board discussed plans for Summerfest on 7/22; Mr. Kunker and Mr. Ronconi will cook; a booth with brochures will be set up next to food counter; Board decided not to participate in the HHA tour.

Next meeting will be on August 1st at the shale pit.

At 8:50 p.m. Mr. Kunker adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Hill Brown
Switzkill Farm Board Secretary