

## Game Farm Road Board Meeting

Town of Berne  
PO Box 57  
Berne, NY 12023

**Date:** February 2, 2016

Board members present: Ted Kunker, Lee Jones, Mark Sengenberger, Mark Hohengasser, Diane Kingston, Charles Burgess, Richard Ronconi, Karen Schimmer (Town Board Liaison)

Ted Kunker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Minutes:** Minutes from January 5, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Segenberger moved to accept the minutes. Mr. Jones seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Guest Comments:** Mr. Kunker opened the floor for comments. The Board acknowledged progress on downed tree and limb clearing by Tom O'Malley.

**WinterFest:** Logistics for the upcoming WinterFest were discussed including: trail preparation, trail maps, volunteering, the creation of a fire ring, the Berne Fire Company possibly conducting an ice rescue demonstration, an attendee register sign-in sheet, concessions, seating, port-a-johns and lodge tour.

**Branding/Name for property:** Mr. Kunker reported on a meeting he had with Ms. Schimmer and Kathleen Berry from Grindstone Press about branding for the GFR park. The Board discussed possible names and selected *Switzkill Park*, *Switzkill Preserve* and *Crozier's Nest* to present to the Town Board.

**Grant Committee:** Ms. Kingston reported on grants. Mr. Burgess offered to be on the committee.

**Observatory Committee:** Mr. Burgess reported on the progress the committee has taken regarding a proposal for the GFR Board. He also stated he felt that there should be a programming committee created to help plan and facilitate events at the property.

**Working Group on Land:** Mr. Hohengasser reported on possible campsite/cabin locations within the property. Scenic views, trails, lean-tos and planting vegetation screens were discussed. Mr. Ronconi moved to create campsites north of the kiosk with the intention of potentially developing them into lean-tos and possibly cabins. Mr. Burgess seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Pro Forma - Fees:** Mr. Kunker discussed fee breakdown for the usage of the property. (See attached)

**SWOTT/Brainstorming:** Mr. Kunker and Mr. Hohengasser discussed creating strategic initiatives and action plans based on SWOTT analysis.

**Town Board Presentation:** The Board discussed the upcoming presentation to the Town Board on February 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Partnerships:** Mr. Kunker and Ms. Kingston reported on plans to host a reception at the lodge for potential partner groups on April 9<sup>th</sup> 2016 from 3pm to 7pm.

**Working Group on Facilities:** Mr. Kunker told the Board that the Town's building and zoning administrator found the building capacity at a total of 315 people standing. Maximum capacity signs for individual rooms will be created. How to offer/market guest rooms, beds and possible removal of closets to create more space was discussed. Mr. Sengenberger moved to market and offer guest rooms as hostel-like in nature. Mr. Jones seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Burgess moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Mr. Hohengasser seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Hill Brown  
GFR Board Secretary

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