

WBB!!! Minutes for May 12, 2011

Present: Ray Duncan, Dick Rizzo, Barb Blosenhauer, Joe Blosenhauer, Alicia Fink, Lucille Ribble, Nancy Washer, Peter Randazzo, Bill Andrews, Mike Schaffer, Jim Goetz

Meeting Called to order: 7:00 pm

**1. Transfer of WBB funds to the Greater Brockport Development Corporation (GBDC):**

Ray Duncan talked to Gary Skoog re the possibility of transferring WBB funds to the Greater Brockport Development Corporation. To do so would require Alicia Fink (Treasurer) to coordinate with Kathy Halstead and the Brockport treasurer .

Gary said GBDC would like to have member of WBB attend meetings of GBDC

Discussion

Bill: GBDC meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the Alumni house  
Meetings last usually less than an hour.

Bill is already a member and could represent us

Alicia talked to the treasurer (Mary Beth Lovejoy) about our WBB monetary issues

Treasurer said that WWB has different rules; does not need Village Board approval for anything; its funds are in trust and agency account, like the retirement fund

Alicia: there have been two audits and no problems have arisen

Peter: brings up Enron paranoia

Ray: But suppose Village votes to dissolve?

Ray: perhaps we should continue to pursue transfer of funds, because of uncertainty regarding future of the village

**2. Treasurer's report: Alicia Fink**

Total money: \$5073.70

General Fund: \$2671.58

Stone Soup: \$1782.12

Walk to School: \$550 (not sure where this came from)

\$150 in donations, from Rotary and Kiwanis

Poster Contest: \$70

Discussion

Pete: probably it comes from Jim Goetz fundraising

Ray: of the general fund, we've set aside \$2000 for our Gateway  
Pete: there is already a sign at West/East Avenue  
Mike: question: when the transfer happens will it be in one big check? or separate accounts  
Ray/Bill: probably 1 check, but can be split

### 3. **DOT Trail Development meeting:** Discussion

Pete: brought letter to WBB  
trail to parallel the expressway extension  
Dick has a conflict, although his wife would like to go  
Pete plans to go, wants company  
Bill: discussed the possibility of putting a pedestrian trail along 531, but nothing everything happened  
Pete: what is Bike Route 5?  
Dick/Bill: official bike route that goes across the state on Route 31 here  
Pete: so it's paved?  
Dick: it's a three foot shoulder on both sides  
Ray: does this trail come through Brockport?  
Bill: there will be no extension, just an improvement to the intersection  
Ray: so what interest would we have?  
Pete: this would be an opportunity to improve a biking trail near us  
Ray: Dick, does it appeal to you?  
Dick: yes, it would improve biking out here  
Pete: maybe it could connect to Bill's trail that hasn't been finished?

Tuesday, May 17  
5:30-7 pm  
Visitor Education Center, Springdale Farm  
700 Colby Street, Ogden

### 4. **Discussion with Richard Fenton:** Ray Duncan

Fenton wants to get more involved with the group  
the other son (i.e. not Mark) belongs to an organization like us, standing committee without monthly meetings  
they are ready to operate when a project appears  
Fenton suggested we work on goat trails  
Dave Ball worked on this initially, turned out to be a difficult project

### Discussion

Pete: could we bring Mark here to give a pep talk  
sitting pretty, the trail, the artwork  
Ray: you mean a community meeting, getting more publicity  
Barb: but people don't know about the visitor's center  
Pete: Jack Mazarella gave a talk about the free bikes  
Ray: will talk to Dick about it, the next time Mark is in town  
Pete: I imagined a dinner, with a talk at the end

Lucille: where do we advertise?

Pete: Doug will help us out, but we send him the press release

Mike: timeframe?

Pete: we should allow several months to plan, probably September or October

#### 4. **Gateway Sign**—Mike Schaffer

Mike has taken pictures, on a board of examples from around the area

#### Discussion

Pete: there are signs at many crossroads in Brockport

Ray: are we content with this gateway?

plus the mural

Mark was big on gateways

Pete: DOT won't let us do it

another billboard would be hard to place

Bill: Arts and Aesthetics spent many meetings discussing this

two places available: Ryan's parking lot or the canal bank

just before the bridge as you head south

Ryan's site was better, fewer distractions

so what kind of mural?

estimate from George Dahl of \$10,000-12,000

likes the idea of showing the diversity of the Brockport Community

or children's art

Ray: should we resurrect this project?

Alicia: the amount of money put us right off the project

decided to wait out the recession

Ray: would it be possible to bring it backup?

Alicia: could be a group project

Mike: when I was taking the picture asked one of the workers what the roundabout will

look like—no idea!

wait until the roundabout is done

Alicia: perhaps a small sculpture in the roundabout, but who knows

Ray: another boat trip, all kinds of things if we had a really hot project

#### 5. Old Business: **Walk to School Day**: Jim Goetz

October 5: Walk to School day

#### Discussion

Alicia inquires about the Walk to School funds

Jim: we got two donations

Alicia: so you have \$550

Jim: actually we spent some of it

banner? about \$70

other things

Alicia: not according to the treasurer

## **Bridge on the Sweden Park Trail:**

Pete Randazzo authorized to bring the bridge builder, talked to him, invited him to the meeting I'll get back to you", but of course never got back to Pete

Pete has walked around the trail; it's been mowed, stakes fixed; waiting for the soccer fields to be finished before the final segment of the trail can be finished; slow going because of weather

Tyler's picture in the paper getting money from Kiwanis; he asked for help with the posts, seemed to think that they would put them in for him

## Discussion

Dick: it's an Eagle Scout project?

Pete: yes

Pete: also wants signs for parking lots; Fred Perrine is all for it; talked to guys in the park, they think it's a great idea; still looking for signs; has the name of the person who makes the Park's signs—Rick Vega (the sign doctor); will get an estimate from him; then try to get matching funds from the development corp; Bill: had signs for the canal path made by Don Riling, not expensive

Ray: we would be amenable

## **6. New Business/Announcements**

Bill: Jo Matela is organizing the plants on Main Street

Sara's is donating many of the plants

Jo is looking for volunteers to water the plants from around 7-7:30 am  
get in touch with Jo

Pete: sees a guy from the village going around with a tank when he's walking  
maybe it's just the weekends

Bill: this weekend is Brockport Heritage Weekend (with handout)

Press conference at the Welcome Center tomorrow morning

Historical/architectural walks on Saturday and Sunday

Ray: is anything happening with the Fay's garage front?

Bill: a developer is interested, but requires an environmental cleanup

Dwayne Becket also interested and bought Dave Wagenhauser's homecare building  
using plans drawn up by Clark Patterson

Fay's would become a restaurant, perhaps with some hotel rooms

Pete: any plans to improve the canal wall?

Bill: no plans, still in a transitional phase with the new governor

new head of canal corporation

preparing a proposal for projects that need to be undertaken, would be included

but of course priority is given to places where the canal corp parks its barges

Pete: the wall is nice around the Main Street bridge

Bill: but the village initiated it

Barb: contacted Harry Donahue about planting flowers along the canal

Bill: contact Andrea Perry on Meadowview

Bill: June Issue of Country Living has Houseboating on the Erie Canal on Cover  
also Finger Lakes Magazine

October 21, National Trust for Historic Preservation will have field trip to Brockport

a novelist has written a book set in Brockport in the 1820s

nice article on the Anthropology interns cataloguing the Brockport museum

NYTimes had 4 paragraphs on the Brockport Community Museum in their museum  
supplement

Meeting adjourned: 8:00 pm

Next meeting June 9, 2011