

**Friends of Point Beach State Forest (FPBSF)  
Special Planning Meeting - 1  
FPBSF Board Room  
Tuesday, September 25, 2007**

**Board Members Present:** Randy Beecher, Debbie Timm, , Kevin Duveneck, Joe Schermetzler, Nannette Krause, Dave Meyer, and Terry Farr,

**General Member Present:** Dennis Swetlik

**PBSF Representative Present:** Guy Willman

**Board Member Absent:** Bob Pilzak, Angie and Don Peltier, Ed Ashenbrenner, Tim Myers, and Mike Timm

**Informal Meeting Began**

The meeting was started at 6:35 p.m. by President Randy Beecher.

**Endowment Fund/Grants/Memorials**

Dennis Swetlik explained how to set up an endowment fund, ideas for investments, and how the interest can be used. He also suggested some local grant sources for projects. Some of these grants require matching funds in which labor can be included.

Endowment funds, grant money, and memorials need to be kept separate. Endowment money can be invested in multiple places. Boards can designate and un-designate how endowment money is used. Donated money must be used as specified by the donor.

The by laws may need to be changed.

A brochure could be created that would include a mission statement and information about the FPBSF with past and future projects listed. The brochures could be given to attorneys and funeral parlors for memorial ideas.

It is important that when the FPBSF sponsor events the public or participants know who is sponsoring the event.

**Project Ideas**

Guy conducted a brainstorming strategy. Each board member submitted several project ideas. These ideas were listed, grouped, and voted on to condense the choices. Club members will also participate in the activity at the General Membership meeting. The board results are as follows.

- Nature center – resource management
- Bike trail extension to Mishicot - bridge maintenance - better signage – equipment for trail maintenance
- Picnic shelter – amphitheater
- Playground upgrade
- Group camp (on the lake) improvements – cabins – yurts
- Firewood – concession leasing

- Ranger station rental – apartments – meeting rooms
- Lighthouse – Coast Guard station tours
- Summer event and additions/improvements to the existing events
- Funding

Other projects discussed that are already planned are a trail for disabled, cordwalk – handicapped access of the lake/lodge area, and graveling campsites. Eagle scouts may be interested in working on park projects.

The DNR/State has approved the following projects.

- Nature center addition
- Lodge lot
- Buried power in campground
- Replace pit toilets
- Renovating two smaller lake parking lots with boardwalk and accessibility ramp to the beach or waters edge
- Repave campground roads

Guy stated that the master plan for the park needs to be revised.

At this point, it was decided to end the meeting. This information will be included in the General Membership meeting to get further input from FPBSF members. A second planning meeting, at an undetermined time, will take place to discuss the results of the General Membership meeting

Submitted by Debbie Timm