

### **Guardians of the West Fork Watershed Zoom Meeting Jan. 20, 2021 6:30 PM**

President John Ciesla brought the meeting to order at 6:34 PM. Those in attendance were: John Ciesla, Sally Egan, Paula Bomhoff, and Mike Murphy. The minutes of the last meeting were approved, as corrected. There was no quorum to hold a board meeting to approve a DEP requirement for a Procurement Policy. For projects of \$2500 or less, no bids are required. John updated members regarding Site 7 which is AGO funded. DEP has provided John with the paperwork. The Guardians will hire Tim Danehy of the Biomost Company as a consultant.

It was agreed that last year's Guardian memberships will be extended to the end of June 2021. John Ciesla moved and Mike Murphy seconded that \$5,800 in AGO funding be approved for the Lambert's Run site. Motion passed.

Paula Bomhoff presented the treasurer's report. General Fund - \$7,432.39; Water Trail Fund - \$9,528.01; Money Market for Site 9 Maintenance - \$82,671.22; OSM - \$2,269.25. There was a deposit of \$38 from the Community Program at Krogers.

Discussion was held regarding a possible "Float the Fork" on the first Saturday in June. October was discussed as a possible alternative, but water level is sometimes questionable in the fall. The decision was tabled until next month.

Regarding Site 7, the design phase is ready to start. There is \$65,000 in 319 money. Matching funds can be applied for or \$100,000.

There are 8 paid Guardian memberships. There are 727 people on the Guardians' Water Trail page. Facebook has changed its format.

Under new business, Paula Bomhoff received a call from a tree service in Farmington regarding an ash tree on Guardians' property that is ready to fall down across from North Marion High School. The property was given to the Guardians approximately 10 years ago and is assessed at \$5,460. The Guardians pay approximately \$140 per year in property tax. It was agreed that the Guardians need to get rid of the property. It was suggested that if anyone wants to give something to the Guardians, a general idea of its worth should be obtained.

On "Giving Tuesday" \$80 was raised for the Guardians.

Also, under new business, Dave Wellman is going to send a list of planned access sites along the West Fork River. Dave Yazvac has a bicycle idea. John Ciesla announced that there will be a 3 Rivers Quest Zoom meeting on Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thanks go out to John's daughter who provided the use of her Zoom account for this meeting. The next meeting will be Feb. 17, 2021 at 6:30 PM. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Egan, Recording Secretary