

FRIENDS OF CAMILLUS PARK

JUNE 27, 2013 MEETING MINUTES

On the warm and rainy evening of June 27th, The Friends of Camillus Park met for their monthly meeting, in the Park.

Kristina Ferrare, Forestry Educator from The Onondaga County Cornell Cooperative Extension gave a very informative and interactive presentation on tree identification, with emphasis on the Ash Trees. She also updated the group about the ongoing threat of the Emerald Ash Borer and what the County is doing to help manage this threat. The group walked with Kristina through the Forest as she identified various tree species, and ground cover. Kristina spoke about how to identify Ash Trees, pointing out the bark, and limb and leaf characteristics specific to the the Ash Tree. Kristina marked several Ash Trees with purple ribbon and contact information should people walking through the Forest have questions.

Following the informational walk, the group gathered out of the rain and under the Pavilion to discuss Park updates. Eric Bacon discussed the Winding Way Path. He has met with engineer's from Barton and Loguidice, who are pricing out a quote for the design of the path for the Winding Way access.

Eric has also been working with Onondaga County about grading the area where the pools and bathhouse were located. The bathhouse has been completely removed. Eric has negotiated a win-win deal with The County: The County is using the parking lot in Camillus Park as a "staging area" for the project on West Genesee Street, and in reciprocation, the County has agreed to fill in and grade the Park area where the pools and bathhouse were located. This is a huge cost savings advantage.

Dick Ballard gave an update on The Treasure's Report :
As of June 26, 2013

Opening Balance	\$100
Receipts	\$400
Disbursements	\$400
Balance	\$100

The Not for Profit paper work has been filed and Mary Flynn expects to have an update on the NFP status in approximately 90 Days.

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The group discussed the need for setting priorities about what we hope to accomplish once funding is secured (through Grants and fundraising). Eric was asked to post a copy of the “forest section” of the Master Plan, with larger font that is easier to read. Eric is going to work on making the Master Plan more accessible for those having a hard time viewing it on the Town of Camillus website. The goal is for members to read the portion of the Master Plan that pertains to the Forest, and bring back ideas so we can begin to set realistic priorities of what the committee wishes to focus on first (Winding Way path access, trail in the Forest, etc)

The meeting was adjourned amidst the rain and wind.

NEXT MEETING for the Friends of Camillus Park:

THURSDAY JULY 25, 2013 at 7pm -Town of Camillus- large meeting room.

ALL ARE WELCOME! Please come and support the Forest!

L. Gleason