

Pearl Island Committee Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2016

Roll call – Members:	Present	Absent	Advisors:	Present	Absent
Paul Roemer	x		Dick Benesh	x	
Jerry Elmer	x		Cindy Miller	x	
Jeff Peterson	x		Teresa Peters		x
Rich Vogel	x		John Winters		x
Amber Foster		x			

1. Discuss/Possible Action approval of April minutes - Motion by Jerry, second by Paul to accept April minutes with clarification. \$10,000 donation by Brodhead Chevrolet was for the 2015 Gala. Motion passed.
2. Public Appearances (public's opportunity to speak about anything that is not a specific agenda item) - None
3. Committee comments or questions (committee's opportunity to speak about anything that is not a specific agenda item) - Rep. Mark Spreitzer would like to tour PI. Dick will try to set something up for the 23rd. Received a thank you from Mr. & Mrs. Gumbar. Received a request from DLMRA to use \$6,000 donation from the Ride Across America fund raiser for boat landings.
4. Unfinished business
 - a. DLMRA River and Pearl Island signs - Nothing
 - b. Pearl Island Brochure – Cindy provided a draft of the new brochure. Motion by Rich, second by Jerry to order 500 copies. Motion passed.
 - c. Bridge permits/progress – All permits are taken care of and construction can begin at the end of May.
 - d. Update on Spring tasks started and completed – Parking lots, trail at headgate, grass seeding all completed. Picnic table at Dam is in and road to boat landing has been widened.
5. New Business
 - e. Update on Spring tasks - Need to woodchip hill at Headgates park, set 2 donated grills and 2 benches. Need parking bumpers at lot on hill.
 - f. Grant extension letter – Rich presented the official letter giving a one year extension.
 - g. Matching funds request – A total of \$146,999.35 has now been submitted to the DNR for matching funds.
 - h. Tree removal proposal from Rick and Randy Righter – They are proposing to remove 45 Walnut trees which we would receive 70% of the sale for and 56 Red Oaks at 60% and 150 Ash at 50%. Committee wants more information on how the trees will be removed, how

- they can minimize damage to the forestry wetland and several want a tour to get a better idea of which trees will be removed.
- i. PI rules and ordinances and hunting permits – Discussed what should be put on a sign. Jeff discussed it with the Police Chief. He suggested that “less is more” so keep it simple. Committee decided to put a generic sign with some ideas on it for the next meeting.
 - j. PI need to be declared a city park – Discussed the need to have the PI area declared a City Park so that it will show up as a park on such things as Google maps. Rich will work with the City on this
 - k. New donated bench – Rich informed the committee that Fritz Wenger and his wife donated a bench to PI.
 - l. Request to purchase bench – Discussed some groups that have showed an interest in purchasing benches.
6. Budget – No action
 7. Discuss/Possible Action future agenda items and next meeting date and time. – Next meeting will be July 19th. Committee decided not to meet in June unless action is needed on an unknown issue.
 8. Motion to Adjourn – Motion by Paul, second by Jeff to adjourn. Motion passed.

Submitted by Rich Vogel