

APPROVED

Pinellas Trails, Inc.

Annual Meeting Minutes – March 18, 2017 Taylor Park, Largo FL

Meeting called to order at 11:40 A.M. by Pres. Jan Hirschfield

Board Members present, guests, and Auxillary Rangers present were recognized.

Minutes of the Nov.2 Meeting were read by Vice-President Scott Daniels. Motion to approve was seconded and approved by vote.

Motion was made to re-elect the current officers for another year term, seconded and approved by vote. Jan Hirschfield, Pres.; Scott Daniels, Vice Pres., Chip Freeman, Treasurer, and Richard Valentine, Secretary.

Jim Wedlake nominated D. Turner, USAF, retired, to be a member of the Board. Motion was made, seconded , and approved.

Treasurer's Report was given by Chip Freeman, CPA & Treasurer

Donations of \$1040 have been collected in the last year. The NW Collision donation of \$5000 & the P.T.I.'s Board approved additional \$9000

required to purchase the shelter, litter receptacle and water fountain were processed. Three(3) benches were purchased for \$ 500 each.

Working golf carts have been purchased for the Pinellas County Parks Dept. plus batteries as needed. These are utilized by Auxillary Ranger volunteers.

The P.T.I. endowment fund is \$160,000, to be used in emergency situations and for special needs.

The 'legal' agreement between P.T.I. and Pinellas County, (who requested it) is being negotiated by the two parties. It is the Board's desire to avoid financial, insurance and safety liability requirements.

The Kilpatrick Family fund has purchased a bench at the the reduce price of \$800. Bill Romanski is seeking donations and was given a check from PTI of \$400 for the fund.

A used working golf cart purchased by Bert Valery and repaired by him for \$750 is being returned to the City Of St. Petersburg with a \$500 refund, due to Pinellas County's required repairs of an additional \$1500 needed and their desire to only have new carts.

The shelter, water fountain, and litter receptacle at the NW Collision site in the Tyrone area have been purchased and will be installed by the County with volunteer help , if needed.

Memorial bench for Larry Nordquist has been installed at the trail entrance to Taylor Park. The bench for Ernie Foster will somewhere in St. Pete. & for Jean Halverson in the Largo Central Park.

Carol Gray, Park Supervisor of Volunteers, reported on the status of their new site at Ridgecrest Park. She, also, said the county would be involved in the Kilpatrick Family dedication ceremony. Bike/Pedestrian counters have been operative on the trail and a report of the first counts will be

presented Monday at the B. & P. Adv. Com. Meeting.

Jan Hirschfield reviewed the main items presented at the last Bike & Ped. Adv. Com. Meetings and the County Trial Safety meeting in Jan. '17.

New Business: A letter to the Pinellas County Commissioners concerning the upcoming vote for a 'Penny for Pinellas' in Nov. is being drafted with emphasis on the need of the Pinellas Trail and suggestions for the amount of money needed to complete the Pinellas Trail, update, and maintain the trail safety standards. Brian Smith, Chair of the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee is aiding in the drafting of the letter. 'Town Meetings' are currently being held to support the 'Penny for Pinellas' vote. Individuals can access a survey of future priorities at the county website:

www.pinellascounty.org/openpinellas.

Auxillary Ranger 'license plates' suggested by Jim WedLake, to be put on the handle bars of Ranger bikes, have been submitted by Mark Glendon to sign/graphic companies with a change of graphics that were accepted. Three bids were obtained and the third bid was the lowest at \$365@ for 50. A motion to approve the purchase was seconded and approved by vote.

Bert Valery received an album of photos taken of the Pinellas Trail since its inception. It was recommended that, possibly, they could be scanned and put on the 'Friends of the Pinellas Trail' website and P.T..I website by Richard Valentine, Secretary, an experienced graphics computer specialist.

Brian Smith, Chair of the Bike & Ped. Advisory Comm. gave a presentation of the current status of the Pinellas Trail construction and funding and the Sun Trail going north and then East to the Atlantic coast with large maps to be viewed. His committee's next meeting is Monday Mar. 20 at 8;30 at the Pinellas County Court House, 310 court St..

The next meeting will be in June at a site to be determined. Largo Public Library or the County Park office at the Botanical Garden are options.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting for a 'Subway' lunch provided by Donna & Bert Valery and sponsored by Pinellas Trails, Inc. Thanks go out to the Valery's their efforts in getting the food and bringing it to the event. They were fully reimbursed by Pinellas Trails, Inc.

Motion approved at 12:45!!!