



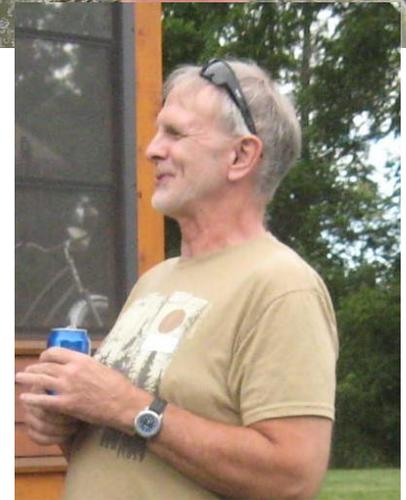
## 2021 Annual Membership Meeting

March 19, 2022

Via Video/Phone Conference Call

<https://meet.goto.com/818168781>

**Our mission is to facilitate the conservation and enjoyment of the Lincoln Community Forest.**



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### **Agenda for Annual Meeting:**

**Secretary's Report - Grant Ebert  
(Secretary)**

**Financial Report - Madelaine Rekemeyer (Treasurer)**

**Election of board members (Pam Dryer)**

**2021 accomplishments and 2022 plans - Pam Dryer, President**

**Other Business**

Outgoing Board Members Teri Isaac and Kevin Brewster – THANK YOU!!!

## **Priorities and Accomplishments in 2021**

### ***Keep the Face of the Forest appealing for people and wildlife:***

- Built trail boardwalks with WisCorps youth, volunteers and Partners:
  - 200' boardwalks funded and built using two grants and volunteers
  - WisCorps crew of six young adults worked on 5 boardwalks and trail clearing for one week
  - New ski trail routed and cleared (Maple Loop) for skiing and all other uses.
  - Trail reroutes completed to accommodate boardwalks and avoid wet areas
- Maintained trails to ensure they are accessible and well marked. Over 500 hours volunteer time contributed.
  - Trails mowed 4 times and groomed in the winter after snowfalls and heavy use.
  - Volunteers did trail work to help build boardwalks, keep trails cleared, keep signs updated and add blazes where needed.
- Maintained, monitored and tended existing Wood Turtle and bat habitats with help from Turtles for Tomorrow. Crew of 6 volunteers helped but no wood turtles nesting this year.
- Beaver deceiver built on Marengo River Rd. culvert with support of Town of Lincoln Board as a non-lethal means of controlling problem beavers.
- Entrance sign at corner of Marengo River Rd. and E. Altamont Rd.

### ***Grow our Education program and engage the local and regional community:***

- 4H youth activity day
- Northland College students helped with trail maintenance
- Seek and Find game developed and well used
- Maintained kiosk and little library. Friends volunteer updated map. Little Library continuously updated by Teri Isaac. Donation of over 100 books.
- Held our Lincoln Community Forest picnic and fundraiser on August 21, following COVID guidelines. All local residents were invited.

### ***Keep our organization viable:***

- Improved our social media presence by having a strong team in place: Email updates about 4 times per year; social media postings monthly, sometimes more often. Ads in Bottom Line News 3 times a year. Web site updates ongoing,
- While we have a good working relationship with Landmark Conservancy, we have not been able to make progress on requests for MOA updates.
- Ensured sound finances; exceeded our revenue goals. We were successful in getting 2 grants for boardwalk construction, which allowed us to complete 6 boardwalks. The FFF continues to grow.
- We have a viable, strong and passionate Board who volunteer their time and skills.

## 2021 Financial Report and 2022 Annual Budget

	2021 Actual	2022 Budget
	12.31.21	01.01.22
<b>Cash Available</b>	\$ 6,700.34	\$ 6,700.34
<b>(Checking &amp; Savings)</b>		
<b>Revenue/Income</b>		
Annual Revenue	\$ 8,564.00	\$6,900.00
Cash Available	\$ 15,264.34	\$ 13,600.34
<b>Expenses</b>		
Membership/Communications	\$ 548.97	\$ 300.00
Forest Projects	\$ 9,834.19	\$ 2,760.00
Fundraising	\$ 655.68	\$ 1,425.00
Education	\$ 0.00	\$ 730.00
Endowment (FFF)	\$ 1,467.14	\$ 0.00
Operations	\$ 603.17	\$ 1,835.00
<b>Annual Expenditures</b>	\$ 10,569.51	\$ 7,050.00
<b>Revenue vs. Expenditures</b>	\$ 2,005.51*	\$ 150.00
<b>Total cash available December 31</b>	\$6,700.34	
* The funding from the DNR was a reimbursable grant; we received the final reimbursement from grant funds of \$4,571.65 in January 2022		

## 2022 Priorities based on Board Plans and Budget

### *Keep the Face of the Forest appealing for people and wildlife:*

- Build short bridge on Beaver Loop
- Fundraise and write grants for Boardwalk to Mikinaak Lake (for construction in 2023)
- Improve our trail maintenance to make hiking trails easier to follow. Groom in winter.
- Sell, build and place new benches along trail.
- Add signs for emergency locations.
- Trail mileage on signpost and at kiosk.
- Maintain and monitor turtle sites and bat houses.

### *Grow our Education Program and engage the local and regional community:*

- Add special events and nature walks to engage more people in the use of the forest, such as luminary hike, mushroom and edible plant identification, bird and frog walks. Update geocaches. Develop programs that can utilize Boardwalk to Lake.
- Develop additional seek and find games, and other activities that are self-guided.
- Keep kiosk fresh and little library full of children's nature books.
- Conduct wildlife talks off-site as safe.

### ***Keep our organization viable:***

- Grow our Forest Forever Fund – goal of \$10,000 new donations in 2022.
- Engage and be grateful for volunteers, Board of Directors and Committee Chairs, Members, Partners, Landmark Conservancy and our local Community.
- Improve social media and print media presence. Continue to update our web site.
- Work with Landmark Conservancy to update MOU.

### **2021 Board of Directors - Thank You!**

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* 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 3-year term expired			
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### **Board candidates for March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 election**

**New Candidates:** Bryan Woolever

Jean Barron (treasurer)

### **Committees**

**Forest Projects:** Mark Dryer, Chair

This Committee identifies and implements trail and wildlife projects in the Forest.

**Fundraising:** Mary Maguire, Chair.

This Committee identifies revenue sources and conducts actions to raise money.

**Forest Forever Fund:** Mark Dryer, Chair

This Committee develops and implements programs that provide for a permanent endowment.

**Education:** Teri Isaac and Kathy Zuelsdorff, Co-Chairs

This committee identifies and carries out education opportunities in relation to the Forest.

**Communications and Membership:** Pam Dryer, Chair

This Committee recruits and maintains memberships, manages the member database, and conducts outreach.