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Illinois Yearly Meeting
Site Envisioning Committee

Report to the Annual Sessions at the meetinghouse in McNabb IL

The committee met during Fall 2012 and Spring 2013 work weekends and on conference calls on 02.13.13 and 02.20.13

Our upcoming meeting will be held in McNabb:

- Thursday afternoon June 20th, 2013 during Annual Session

Site Envisioning Committee has been charged with participation in several projects, and asked to prepare reports for consideration during the Annual Sessions in June of 2013 of the following.

1. Border plantings and Hedgerow with Environmental Concerns Committee (ECC).
2. Pathways – approach and scope with ECC.
3. Further design and pricing for accessible bedroom/bathroom addition at Clear Creek House with M&P (Est. @ \$80-\$120,000 and new septic).
4. Proposal for renovations to the campground bathhouse with M&P.
5. Proposal to add bathroom(s) at the meetinghouse with M&P.
6. Investigation into options for affordable above ground dining space.
7. Investigation of the relocation of the Wilson House.

Our responses to these charges follow. The response numbers correspond to the numbers of the charges

1. We look to ECC to report on their recommendation on border plantings and hedgerows.
2. We agree with ECC that pathways should be identified by markers and then mowed short to further identify them. Friends are urged to try these suggested pathways and offer modification as they are led. Once the locations of the pathways are substantiated, bumps will be leveled out, holes will be filled and cross slopes will be minimized. The future surface of these pathways seems best to remain in grass. We look to the report from ECC for its direction.
3. We find the \$100,000.00 budget developed by Maintenance and Planning Ebener Construction for the accessible bedrooms and bathrooms at Clear Creek House to be reasonable. We recommend adding an additional \$20,000.00 for septic and other utility connections. A design sketch and a copy of the proposal are posted on line in our committee section for

review. We are open to collaboration with the Development Committee as way opens.

4. We addressed the campground bathhouse improvements, finding that the campground facilities are in need of refreshment. We suggest that exposed piping and structures be concealed behind cleanable, washable surfaces. We also recommend that the lavatory facilities be rebuilt to enhance cleanability. We would recommend that the shower and toilet partitions be made more cleanable and private. We recommend that the exterior shower be rebuilt to make it more cleanable and permanent. We note that the number of fixture units will not be increased by this effort, and consequently move this project behind projects that would add fixture units. Drawings of the existing conditions are attached to this report. We suggest that this project be directed to deferred maintenance. We offer assistance in preparing documents to identify improvements. We are also open to collaboration with the Development Committee if additional pursuit of funds for this project seems pertinent.
5. We addressed the possibility of adding bathrooms to the old meetinghouse. The bathroom addition to the water heater room on the west side of the meetinghouse would add one toilet and one sink to the fixture units on the campus. We feel this project is top priority. We have prepared documents that show the configuration of that bathroom. A copy of the sketch is online. We have also have a bid of \$4,000.00 from Ebener Construction for the work. We ask that the meeting ask M&P to move on this project.

In addition, we looked at converting the existing tool room (formerly the privies) into toilet rooms. We do not think this could be ADA compliant, but we do think it is achievable. We have not configured a solution to this project. Drawings of the existing conditions are also on line.

Our preference is to leave the old privies as tool storage. The west side of the meetinghouse offers easy plumbing connections; the east side is more difficult. No plumbing currently is close to the privies, and the close access to tools on the east side of the campus is helpful.

6. We addressed affordable aboveground dining space. We find this project falling short of valid pursuit. A report on this project is online along with a diagram of the considered layout.
7. We investigated the Wilson House relocation. We estimate approximately \$230,000.00 to move and rehabilitate the house. Documents describing the existing conditions and a rough estimate of projected cost are online.

The opportunities for the use of this building have yet to be solidified, although ideas have been proposed for consideration. They include more

bedrooms, more bathrooms and/or a caretaker cottage. The means of paying for this opportunity have not yet been identified. The concept of a caretaker would also commit the meeting to possible on-going staff expenses that also have yet to be discussed by the yearly meeting. It could stay in its present location for at least two or three more years should the yearly meeting consider it a valuable asset. We are also open to collaboration with the Development Committee if additional pursuit of funds for this project seems pertinent.

We need to be aware of declining contributions to the yearly meeting while at the same time trying to make our facilities conducive to more year-round uses. We discussed the need to encourage more involvement and use of the campus. Our feeling was that we should focus on items 3, 4, and 5 in order to create a more accommodating environment for expanded use. These seem most critical; implementing these would improve the conditions of our primitive and lacking bathroom facilities and add to our overnight accommodations.

The committee is represented on the Ad-Hoc Property Use Committee that has been meeting to develop guidelines for the use of the site (Chip Rorem has been our connection to that committee). We are also involved in the Ad-Hoc Committee to make the CAMP a more useful tool to help us sustain and maintain our facilities (Chip and Chris are serving on this committee for SEC).

Having completed the overall plan for the campus this past year, we discussed the purpose of the Site Envisioning Committee and whether it should continue beyond this year, or whether other committees such as the ad hoc Property Use Committee, supported by M&P and ECC can be charged with carrying the plan out into the future. The Site Envisioning Committee thinks there is a continuing need to interpret the plan over time and assist in ordering the vision for our campus, but seeks the guidance of the annual sessions.

Respectfully submitted,

Chip Rorem
Clerk, Site Envisioning Committee