

Annual Meeting
Friends of Itasca State Park
JV Brewer Visitors' Center
September 14, 2024, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Business Meeting

Call to order

Review/approve agenda

Review/approve Secretary/Treasury 2023 annual meeting reports

Election of Board of Directors. There are two positions to fill on the Board and two new members to elect to the Board.

Reports:

State of the Park

2024 Activities of the Friends of Itasca

2025 Work Plan of the Friends of Itasca

Adjourn Business Meeting

Raffle

Draw winning raffle tickets

Public Presentation

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Lee Frelich, Director of the University of Minnesota Center for Forest Ecology

Topic: Climate Change and Minnesota Forests

Notes to Agenda

	Board of Directors	Elected
President	Barb Kalinoski	2018
Vice-President	Cindy Martens	2023
Secretary	Roberta Anderson	2018
Treasurer	John LaFond	2015
Members:	Monica Foster	2024
	Eric Haugland	2016
	Tim Holzkamm	
	Steve Maanum	2023
	Sharon Peterson	2021
	Kristi York	2024

2024 Activities of the Board

Projects

- Historical Photos - ongoing
- Playground equipment -ongoing

Events

- Approved adding Photo Safari to Friends events calendar
- Provided funding for entertainers and/or refreshments to Park events
- Held Annual Meeting September 2024

Marketing

- Purchased Sandwich Board to use at Friends events
- Purchased hats for volunteers to wear at Friends events
- Began advertising Friends events in Park Rapids Friday events page
- Added memorials to Friends website

Fundraising

- Wrote grants for additional playground equipment
- Sponsored raffle to raise funds for playground equipment
- Held 8 ice cream socials to accompany Park events

Administrative

- Decided to add a review/update to bylaws in 2025 work plan
- Decided to establish official standing committees in 2025

2025 Work Plan (goals) of the Board

Projects

- Historical Photos - bring project to a completion
- Playground equipment - install equipment

Events

- Photo Safari - implement first annual photo contest
- Provide funding for entertainers and/or refreshments to Park events
- Annual Meeting - hold Annual Meeting according to the By-laws; arrange for speaker

Marketing

- Sandwich Board - produce posters to use at Friends of Itasca events
- Advertise Friends events on Park Rapids Chamber Friday Event page
- Submit Friends events and projects to the Parks & Trails magazine
- Maintain the Friends website: friendsofitasca.org

Fundraising

- Grants for playground equipment - submit grants; complete pending grants
- Raffle - sponsor raffle during summer months
- Ice Cream Socials - provide 8 socials during summer months

Administrative

- Review/update bylaws
- Provide orientation to new Board members
- Establish Standing Committees:
 - Membership/volunteers
 - Projects-playground equipment
 - Marketing