Friends of Punderson Park
September 9, 2008

Ms. Haas called the meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Present: Norm Swann, Sandy Swann, Don Pizmoht, Phyllis Pizmoht, Katrina Haas, Janine Rybka, Nick Fischbach, Beverly Fischbach, Liz Hills, Marshall Hill, Liz Hill, **Norm Owens, Nancy Owens**, David Kellogg, Chris Seminatore, Liz Hill, Linda Morgan, Brian Morgan, Jim Burtchin

Review and approval of August minutes

Committee Reports

Assistant Park Manager-Norm Swann reported that a new "Water Trail" with 9 stops around the lake has been created, along with a brochure for interested participants. The dam near Route 87 will need to be replaced and the state and county will be involved. New signs are ready to be installed at the park entrance. The siding on the Chalet will be replaced and there are new restrooms at Tinkers Creek State Park. The Pizmohts are working on improving the multi-use trails. The park will be getting recycling barrels for cans, bottles, plastic and paper at no charge for recycling. The Friends agreed that recycling in the campground would also be beneficial.

Membership Recruitment-The Friends of Punderson is growing and the group would like to encourage new members to join. Attending meetings is not mandatory and "friends" are encouraged to join to assist on projects that may be of interest to them.

Board President update-

Website/Newsletter-Sandy Swann asked for pictures of projects and the campsites that are not posted on the web. People have favorably commented on the campsite photos. Sandy will work with Katrina to determine how to send a receipt and thanks to donors. Sandy asked for members to send information about schedules, programs, events, and volunteer opportunities.

Park Facility/Campground Update- In order to do the trail work, an excavator is needed. Don Pizmoht obtained quotes from local businesses. Bill Spear of Spear Chardon Tractor will donate the use of the excavator, a $540 in-kind donation, provided it isn't sold. It needs to be picked up and returned to his business. The Siberian Husky Club of Greater Cleveland plans to work on the trails on September 13 and 14th. The Club will donate $150 in fuel.

Special Events Update-Plans and publicity has started for the *Halloween Fun Fest on Saturday, October 11 from 3:00-9:00 p.m.* The event is being held for the campers and the surrounding community and it will feature cider/donuts, cookie decorating, scavenger hunt, crafts and games and a hayride. Free stuff basketball, pumpkin roll, candy and prizes, the raffle at $1 per ticket. Time permitting, a tour of the cabins or lodge rooms might also be included.

There will be prizes for the costume context. So far the event has been advertised at the playground and Geauga County Fair. Katrina will send out a press release and email blast.

Financial-Volunteers are selling tickets for the raffle and so far the *Friends* have made $54. The current balance in the *Friends* account is $ 5769.83 balance. The signatories on the checking account will need to be revised. Please note that membership applications and donations should be sent to: **Friends of Punderson Park, P.O. Box 338, 11755 Kinsman Road, Newbury, Ohio 44065-9684**

Nature /History Update-no Report

Old news—The Friends discussed the plans for a new playground. Katrina Haas suggested that a bigger goal could help raise awareness and much needed funds. Facilities that are handicap accessible were discussed and the group's sentiment was that may be a good way to garner additional community support.

New Business-
Fiscal year begins in October with the Annual Meeting. Nominations for leadership positions were provided:
President- (co presidents) Katrina Haas and Sandy Swann
Treasurer-year round Phylis Pizmoht and Bev Fischbach
Secretary-year round Janine Rybka

The Siberian Huskey race is currently scheduled for January 3 and 4th, but this may pose a problem due to the Holiday weekend.

Next meeting October 14 at park Office. 7. Fun fest volunteers meet on Oct.7th at 6 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at *8:30* p.m.