

**Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resources Board Agenda Item**

SUBJECT: Donation acceptance – Friends of Peninsula State Park

Friends of Peninsula State Park will donate \$25,500. This donation will be used to fund three Limited Term positions at the park including a Naturalist, Invasive Species Coordinator and Trail Laborer for the 2016 season.

FOR: April 2016 Board meeting

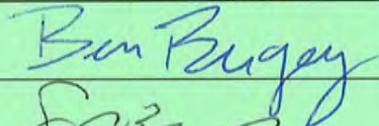
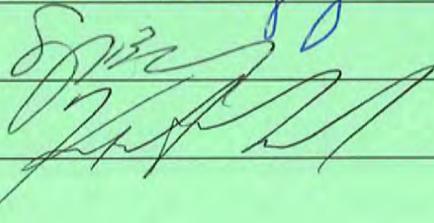
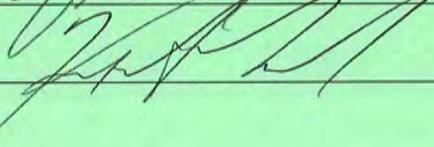
TO BE PRESENTED BY: Secretary Stepp

SUMMARY:

The Friends of Peninsula State Park would like to fund the salary and fringe costs for a summer LTE Naturalist position, LTE Wildlife Technician (Invasive Species Coordinator), and Trail Laborer through a donation of \$25,500. The donation will allow the park to provide quality interpretive programs and continue invasive species removal and documentation in 2016. Trail Laborer will assist in the general maintenance of the vast trail system at Peninsula State Park. This gift will allow visitors to Peninsula State Park to enjoy interpretive and educational programs that base budgets could not cover. In addition, the LTE Invasive Species Coordinator position will provide labor, planning and review of invasive species management practices and control efforts at Peninsula State Park while providing job training skills and professional networking opportunities.

The Friends of Peninsula State Park annual donation to assist with funding the LTE Naturalist, Invasive Species Coordinator and Laborer positions at Peninsula State Park is greatly appreciated and benefits our natural and cultural resources as well as the citizens of the State of Wisconsin.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board accept the generous donation of \$25,500 from Friends of Peninsula State Park

Approved by	Signature	Date
Ben Bergey Bureau Director		1/21/16
Sanjay Olson Division Administrator		1/21/16
Cathy Stepp, Secretary		3/14/16

cc: Board Liaison - AD/8
Department rule coordinator - LS/8

Acknowledgment of Gift

This is to certify that at its April 2016 meeting, the Natural Resources Board gratefully accepted a gift of \$25,500 from:

Friends of Peninsula State Park

This donation will be used to fund three Limited Term positions at the park including a Naturalist, Invasive Species Coordinator and Trail Laborer for the 2016 season.

Our expression of appreciation on behalf of Wisconsin's citizens is hereby recorded in the official records of the Natural Resources Board. We acknowledge this generous contribution.

Natural Resources Board

Preston D. Cole, Chair