

# **Application for Board of Directors Friends of Hartman Reserve**

## **FRIENDS OF HARTMAN RESERVE**

Established in 1986, the Friends of Hartman Reserve has raised nearly \$1 million and volunteered countless hours in support of Hartman Reserve Nature Center. An endowment fund established by the Friends will provide income for the Nature Center in future years. In addition to fundraising, the Friends provide community input to the Nature Center Director and the Black Hawk County Conservation Board.

## **CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS**

Sherice Ortman- President  
Kendra Wohlert- Vice President  
Kristi Cooley- Secretary  
Greg Greco -Treasurer  
Patrick Ashwood  
Dwight Fritts  
Henry Frederick  
Ed Gruenwald-Nature Center Director  
Paula Goetz  
Kathy Green  
Diane Holmes

Tim Jones  
Sherman Lundy  
Andrew Martin  
Mary McInnis Meyer  
Mike Miller  
Laura Walters  
Laura Wilson  
Jim Young

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors of the Friends of Hartman Reserve is limited to 21 members approved by the membership. The Nature Center Director and a member of the Black Hawk Country Conservation Board also serve as voting members of the Board. Currently the Board meets the second Tuesday of the month at the Nature Center. The Board does not meet in June and July.

Directors serve three-year terms, which are staggered to provide for both continuity and the opportunity for turnover. Each year, the selection of a slate of candidates involves maintaining consistency of leadership while strengthening the Board to meet new challenges. Examples of past considerations when seeking new Directors have included: addressing gender balance and diversity, seeking wider geographical representation, assuring a balance of business, education, profit and non-profit experience, and the need for more expertise in the areas of event planning, membership development, and planning and capitalization of a major building project.

**Application/Nomination  
Board of Directors  
Friends of Hartman Reserve**

Thank you for considering service on the Board of Directors of the Friends of Hartman Reserve. Please complete the form below. The information will be reviewed by a committee approved by the board. The committee is responsible for presenting a slate of candidates for approval of the membership at the annual meeting in September. Review and consideration of applications and nominations begins June 1. The goal is to have the slate identified and announced to the membership two weeks prior to the Annual meeting. Individuals whose names are to be presented are notified in advance. Nominations from the floor are also accepted. If you have any questions or wish further information, please contact Ed Gruenwald, Nature Center Director, Hartman Reserve Nature Center, 277-2187.

**PERSONAL INFORMATION:**

E-mail	<input type="text"/>	State	<input type="text"/>
First Name	<input type="text"/>	Zip	<input type="text"/>
Last Name	<input type="text"/>	Cell Phone	<input type="text"/>
Address	<input type="text"/>	Home Phone	<input type="text"/>
City	<input type="text"/>		

CURRENT POSITION AND TITLE:

DISCRIPTION OF YOUR WORK OR RECENT PROFESSIONAL RESPOSIBILITIES

**AREAS OF EXPERTISE YOU BRING TO THE BOARD:**

Check Box <input type="checkbox"/> Event Planning	Check Box <input type="checkbox"/> Finance/Budgeting
Check Box <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising	Check Box <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing/Membership
Check Box <input type="checkbox"/> Strategic Planning	Check Box <input type="checkbox"/> Human Resources
Check Box <input type="checkbox"/> Legal	Other areas of expertise <input type="text"/>

**CURRENT AND PAST VOLUNTEER SERVICE ACTIVITIES:**

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BRIEFLY DESCRIBE WHY YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE BOARD:

**Friends of Hartman Reserve  
Performance Expectations  
Individual Board Members**

In order to carry out the general responsibilities of the Board of Directors, Board members are encouraged to strive to meet these performance expectations. While the Board only has authority as a group, each individual board member must be accountable for his or her own personal responsibilities. 1. Fulfill the obligations of board membership as articulated in these performance expectations and contribute to the effective operation of the Board of Directors. 2. Be an active advocate and ambassador for the values, mission, vision and programs of the organization. Interpret the organization to the community and inform the organization of the perception and perspective of the community. 3. Work with the Board to create a shared agenda and support that agenda. 4. Regularly attend and participate in board meetings. This is where the work of the Board is done and the wisdom and participation of each board member is critical to ensure the legal and moral health of the organization. As a minimum, attend at least 70% of Board meetings and contribute insight and experience to decision making. 5. Accept at least one committee assignment per year, possibly acting as chair. (Committees composed of other Board members, members and/or volunteers from the community.) 6. Keep informed about the organization and its' issues by reviewing materials, participating in discussion, and asking strategic and critical questions. 7. Give an annual financial contribution that is appropriate to your personal ability. If we want others to financially support the nature center, it is important for the Board members to lead by example. 8. Participate in activities of the organization such as programs and fund-raising events. 9. Reach into the community and help cultivate relationships to support the organization as donors, volunteers and advocates. 10. Use particular expertise and contacts on behalf of the Friends. 11. Help with the process of fund development. 12. Disclose any potential conflicts of interest, whether real or perceived.

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