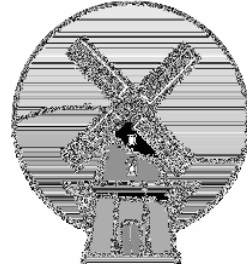


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LITTLE CHUTE WINDMILL PROJECT RECEIVES BIG BOOST

LITTLE CHUTE, WI (June 2, 2008) – The Little Chute Windmill Project received a major boost last week in the form of a \$300,000 contribution made by long-time Village of Little Chute resident Joseph J. Hietpas, 92. Mr. Hietpas, whose grandparents emigrated from the Netherlands, worked for Kimberly-Clark and is a past Commander of the American Legion. He also served on the BLC Community Bank (formerly Bank of Little Chute) board of directors from 1971 until 1993. Mr. Hietpas said he felt the Windmill Project represents the Dutch history of the Village. “Joe is an exceptional person who has chosen to support the future of the community. We are very grateful for his support,” said executive director Robin Dekker. “His contribution gets us close to our goal and will help us order the windmill from Holland.”

The Van Asten Visitor Center to be built adjacent to the windmill on Island Park in Little Chute is being designed to resemble the Zeeland Mills, a flourmill that used to stand on Island Park. Arnold Verstegen, one of the first Dutch immigrants to Little Chute, built the Zeeland Mills in 1863. In the 12 years before it burned down in 1930, Mr. Hietpas’ uncle Anton A. Hietpas owned and operated the flourmill. He remembers going there when he was young. “If we had any grinding, we would stop and talk to uncle Toon (Anton),” remarked Hietpas, whose family owned a small farm in Little Chute. Appropriately, the flour-milling platform in the authentic functioning Dutch windmill will be named for the Hietpas family.

The recent contribution brings the total amount raised for the Windmill Project to \$2.4 million of the \$2.5 million needed. Although they are currently within \$100,000 of that goal, Windmill Project leaders emphasize that the campaign is not over yet. The \$2.5 million goal was set a few years ago. Since then the dollar has lost value against the euro, raising the cost of the Dutch windmill, and construction costs have risen. These factors have added to the amount needed to build the windmill and attached visitor center. “We’re not done raising funds yet and still need help, but we’re close to completing our capital campaign. We anticipate ordering the windmill this summer. It’s an exciting time and we have come a long way,” said Dekker.

Little Chute Windmill, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to raising \$2.5 million to build an authentic 125 foot tall Dutch windmill and visitor center on Island Park on the Fox River in Little Chute to celebrate the Dutch heritage of Northeast Wisconsin. To date, approximately \$2.4 million towards the goal has been raised.