

Attending: Debby Pizur, Larry Pizur, Jody Johnson, Pam Uhrig, Sue Hibben, Rick Kaiser, Betsy Abert, Keith Schulenburg

This meeting was called to discuss timely issues that should have been covered at our May 12th meeting, which was pre-empted by the Protect Our Ravine program.

The Traveling Beer Garden will be in Grant Park from June 15 to July 10th at area 5 pavilion. FOGP will have a raffle* and membership table on **four** nights. Two members will staff the table and can pick up a bin of needed supplies from Pam Uhrig. We need to bring our own table and chairs as well. The membership fee is \$10 to join, and includes a free FOGP tote bag. Raffle tickets will be \$2 each or 3/\$5. Winners will be chosen the same evening. Since music is only featured Weds. - Saturday evenings, Debby Pizur has asked members to sign up to work a 2 hr. shift between 5 and 9 pm on those nights... Check your calendars!

The FOGP 2017 photo calendar collection is nearly complete. Work on the layout is next. Fifty calendars will be printed at a cost of \$7.40 per calendar.

FOGP was invited to present at the Revitalizing Ravines Workshop sponsored by the Alliance for the Great Lakes at Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, IL. Betsy Abert will represent FOGP at the June 1st workshop; there is a follow up session on June 2nd. Topics she will address include a possible retention pond to catch runoff from Lake Drive road surfaces; steps design project to prevent erosion at a new foot bridge near Wulff Lodge; rain gardens and rain barrels. Likely attendees include Milwaukee County Parks Natural Areas Coordinator Brian Russart and assistant, Julia Robson; and City of South Milwaukee Engineer, Kyle Vandercar.

The South Milwaukee Library summer reading program will bring participants to Grant Park on June 4th at 1 pm for "Walking Nature", a 1 hour hike exploring the seven bridges area. RSVP at the Library. Rain date is June 25th.

Milwaukee Public Museum's BioBlitz on June 10th and 11th needs volunteers to count plants, birds, amphibians, insects, etc. Be an assistant to the best science minds in the state.

Coyote sightings, or coy wolf sightings should be reported to the Milwaukee County Coyote Watch project. To sign up for an iNaturalist account, go to www.inaturalist.org; enter your email address and create a password; search the "projects" tab for Milwaukee County Coyote Watch; select "Join this project"; enter any observations that you make of coyotes in Milwaukee County. Be ready to record time, location, etc.

May 28 is our last garlic mustard Weed Out session. In June, we will work on burdock. Next year we should create a flyer for neighbors to pick garlic mustard in their own yards, to reduce the spread in the area. And please consider adopting a patch of woods to keep clean.

Jackie Benka and Debby Pizur are planting new things at Wulff Lodge, such as hostas and other approved plants (non-invasive).

Annemarie Adsen will send out several cards thanking individuals for donations.

Rick Kaiser raised the idea of purchasing small seedling trees for installation by county employees to increase the inventory they will plant in the fall. We agreed to purchase \$200 worth of approved tree stock, which would be 20 trees. Rick will contact Brian Russart.

Geo-caching at Grant Park? It is taking place already.

Ferch's is now open at Grant Park Beach for burgers, fries, custard cones and beer. Open at 4 pm, weekdays; Open at noon, Saturday & Sunday.

Our next meeting will be on June 9th.

Respectfully submitted by
Jody Johnson

*Raffle prizes were previously donated for our canceled Pullin' o' the Green party.