

Attending: Lynn Crawford, Milwaukee County Parks director John Dargle, Milwaukee County Parks Department Chief of Administration & External Affairs Laura Schloesser, Betsy Abert, Rick Kaiser, Keith Schulenburg, Dustin Paluch, Jody Johnson

Laura Schloesser introduced John Dargle, the new director of Milwaukee County Parks to our group and filled him in on our most recent accomplishments. When she asked if we had any unmet concerns, these issues were raised:

1. Has the blurry camera lens on the security camera at the beach been replaced?
2. Has Stone Creek Contractors seeded the damaged slope after bridge construction was completed, per their contract? (no sprouted seed observed)
3. Would the county consider placing a DVR camera at the Seven Bridges parking lot? Broken car windows and theft are still too frequent.

We planned to discuss applying for a Community Development Block Grant, but Laura said she thought it unlikely we would qualify for the grant. She said there is a low income component to the application process. She said South Milwaukee's average income level is too high to meet that requirement.

Laura also updated us on the other grant project currently planned for Grant Park beach. The EPA Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Grant awarded to Dr. Julie Kinzleman at the UW-Oshkosh, has \$80,000 specified for projects to improve water quality at the beach. The plan includes rain gardens and ADA approved "moby mats". Rain gardens will be installed toward the creekside of the parking lot. The installation crew has been cautioned about the use of heavy machinery on the beach access road. We don't want to ruin the road to install a rain garden. The rain garden needs well delineated paths to prevent damage to the plants in it.

The park bench intended as a memorial for Ron Henricksen will be installed at the Seven Bridges trailhead, but needs concrete footings, which may require additional funds to cover the cost. (Update: The Park People's Jim Goulee said that the installation of the bench was scheduled for Friday, Aug. 2nd)

We are in the process of making a new website. Dustin Paluch showed us the new FOGP webpage that he designed, using Word Press content management system. We'll have separate pages for information about FOGP, future activities, membership, the weed-out, and a photo gallery. People viewing the page can leave comments and the site is searchable. The new site is not quite finished yet. Dustin will schedule a Word Press class to train the new content manager(s). Dustin is a computer science major at Beloit College.

The slope restoration area still needs signs to direct people to use the stairs and not climb down the slopes on foot paths. We agreed on small stained cedar signs with the following directions:

Stairs	Bridge to Stairs	Stay on Path
→	→	Permanezca
Escaleras	Puente de escaleras	en el camino

The next meeting is on August 8th.

Respectfully submitted by  
Jody Johnson