

Grant Park Watch/Friends of Grant Park Minutes

May 9th, 2019

Attending: Jackie Benka, Rick Kaiser, Betsy Abert, Lynn Crawford, Lynn Meidam, Jan Marsh, Patrick Hintz, Chris Marifke, Susan Gresser, Sierra Dawkins, Debby Pizur, Greg Johansen, Deb Wilhelm, James Davies, Jody Johnson

Security:

It was noted that there was no new vandalism done to the kiosks in the park. Debby Pizur applied for a Rotary Club grant to fix kiosks in the future.

Treasurer Report:

Checking balance is \$2,557.61. Savings balance is \$3,458.35. Park People balance is \$10,421.10. Total balance is \$16,457.06.

Road Repaving request:

Rick Kaiser drafted a letter to Supervisor Steven Shea to repave the main road in the park. Road work is typically not one of our priorities. He discussed the logistics of requesting scarce county funds, and thought we should focus on the worst areas of the road to minimize cost. He suggested at a minimum repaving between Area 5A and Area 4, as well as the road down to the beach. Chris Marifke requested that the entry to Wil-o-Way be included. She suggested that Adult Day Services be contacted to also send a letter, since client transit vehicles use the road daily. Lynn Crawford volunteered to contact Supervisor Shea and invite him to drive through the park prior to our next meeting, and then to respond at that meeting.

Board & Bylaws:

Members are defined as those whose dues are paid and can vote for board vacancies. No new changes were suggested to the draft of bylaws.

Website:

Our FOGP website is back up. After being locked out of the site for about 6 weeks, the site is now hosted by FOGP. Jody will work on adding new content to bring the site up to date.

May Upcoming Events:

Weed*Out!* scheduled workdays are May 11th, 18th, and 25th. A big crowd of Oak Creek High School students worked on May 4th. Betsy Abert asked for more facilitators to assist on May 18th, when the SMHS girls track team would be there. Area 7-8 would be targeted.

Betsy & Rita Wiskowski will guide a Migratory Bird nature walk on Mother's Day, starting at Area 7 parking lot, 8 am.

Sierra Dawkins will facilitate the Suburban Soles Guided Nature walk on May 26th. Sierra is a botanist with US Forest Service. Her focus is Native Wildflowers. Meet at Mill Hill, 10 am.

New Business:

The Garden Tour and Craft/Art Fair will be June 22nd. Wil-o-Way will be included on the garden tour. The craft/art fair will be at the Historical Society on Milwaukee Ave., and FOGP will have a table. Volunteers are needed to staff the table. Other features include bonsai, coffee vendors and bakery.

Chris & Susan Gresser purchased a string trimmer and door for the shed at Wil-oWay.

Patrick Hintz attended the SM Community & Business Assoc. meeting. He met Adam Thomas from Caterpillar, who announced that for Arbor Day, Caterpillar was providing trees to give away. Patrick will follow up. He also contacted a representative from the YIM (Youth In Motion) Center whose members or summer camp attendees may partner with us at future FOGP events.

Upcoming NEWaukee events in Grant Park include **SideWAUK**, on May 16th, 7:45 AM. described as a meeting of creative people at 7 Bridges; and 7 Bridges BBQ, scheduled for Aug. 21st. Jackie Benka suggested we consider a FOGP table at the beach end of the trail, where there is a cash bar and mingling to music.

Lakeshore Park will hold the Urban Island Beach Party on Aug. 2nd.

Our next meeting will be held on June 13th, at 6:30 pm in the golf course clubhouse.

Respectfully submitted,
Jody Johnson