

Friends of Grant Park
Monthly meeting minutes- June 10, 2021

Attending: Betsy Abert, Heather Taylor, Annemarie Adsen, Deb Sindric, Bill Sasse, Rick Kaiser, Pam Uhrig, Jody Johnson, Deb Wilhelm, Jan Marsh, Brian Morrison, Jackie Benka

Welcome newcomers – Heather and Debbie

Security – A person fell in the ravine and SM Fire Dept. rescued her with some unique equipment. On June 6th, people ran out of spaces for parking at the beach lot, and parked in unauthorized areas. Sheriffs ticketed those that did not park legally.

Treasurer's Report – Our treasurer was unable to attend, but will supply a more detailed report to be attached to meeting minutes.

Checking	\$ 6,095.38
Savings	3,530.64
<u>Park People Acct. (as of Jan. 15, 2021)</u>	<u>13,182.54</u>
Total	\$22,808.56

Jody will be submitting some additional expenses and Brian has been collecting donations from Suburban Soles nature hikes, which will be turned over to the Treasurer.

YouthWorks work days – June 10th, first day the group worked with us. Will be removing burdock in the next few weeks. Group works all day on Wed. and a half day on Thursday.

Root-Pike WIN: Urban Underground work days? We need to decide who will work with this group. We need to confirm dates when students would be available. Students work in the afternoon for about 3 hours. Could be combined with the YouthWorks group. Urban Underground group may be as large as 20 students. Will the groups be too large to manage? Jody to check out dates and how many adults will come with the group.

Fundraising: Calendar update; estate/rummage sale – Gannett “*Community Thrives*” grant opportunity. Group agreed they would be interested in working with Parks to write the grant. Rummage sale will be held in late July or early August. Calendar – Jody met with Sue, our graphic designer, and they have begun working on putting the calendar together.

Eaton volunteer day follow up – There were not as many Eaton volunteers as anticipated. Eaton people were prepared for many more to help. They plan to do it again. FOGP volunteers not needed to supervise much smaller group, so we worked in the park. We put a lot of work in preparing the event. Thanks to Pam, Rick & Betsy for scouting for work sites in advance. Since several Eaton employees admitted they had never been in the park before, it was suggested we offer a walk/field trip to Eaton employees or senior management. Do it over a lunch break, 11 am to 1 pm.

Safer Trek 'n Treat on October 10th – 1 to 4pm? Group agreed to go ahead with the event. We may need to rethink refreshments. Volunteers needed to make it work :15 adults, 30 high school students needed for stations. Apply to Costco for treats. If we wanted to raise cost this would be an appropriate time.

New business – Brian Russart will be moving boulders off the beach. Current drought conditions may cause some loss of trees that were planted earlier this year. Parks planted gardens for the rusty patch bumble bees in Warnimont. Facebook has some new policies.

Idea – Post more signs to keep people off the eroded beach slopes. We do have more signs, but the consensus is that signs will not work in that location.

Missing Suburban Soles signage – *(Immediately after the meeting, Brian headed to park to see if the sign was where Deb Pizur had last seen it... and he found it!)*

New Blinds for Wulff Lodge delivered to Sean. Should we volunteer to put up blinds? Rick will follow-up with Sean. Annemarie and Debbie volunteered to take on this job.

The following Sunday, June 13th, join us at Area 5 for **Suburban Soles** guided nature hike at 10 am. Our tour guide will be Julia Robson, Waukesha County Parks Conservation Biologist. The topic? **"An Ode to Odonates"** - Dragonflies & Damselflies.

Annemarie motioned to adjourn, Jan seconded.

Our next meeting will be held outdoors at Pam Uhrig's home on Hawthorn Ave. Her address will accompany the reminder prior to the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by
Debbie Pizur