

**FRIENDS OF GRANT PARK
MINUTES
FEB 10, 2022**

Attendance: Dave Kowalewski, Lyn Weber, Robert Kempke, Jody Johnson, Mary Fortier, Emily Constantine, Chris Marifke, Susan Gresser, Pam Uhrig, Bill Sasse, Rick Kaiser, Deb Wilhelm, Brian Morrison, Park People Liaison Luanne Coyne, Deb Pizur, Jackie Benka, Lynn Crawford, Jan Marsh

Security

Dogs off leash was brought up as a problem in the park. While there is not much FoGP can do, we can post a sign in our kiosk that dogs must be leashed and include the fine for off leash dogs.

A concern was raised about the danger of people shoveling snow off the Mill Pond lagoon and venturing onto the ice. There are signs posted warning of thin ice.

Treasurer Report

Guardian Checking, reconciled	\$ 6,533.49
Guardian Savings	3560.88
Park People Account	14,107.98
Total	\$24,202.35

\$20,000 designated for Grant Park ravine restoration on May 13, 2021. To be held for that purpose for 2 years.

Lynn Crawford moved to reimburse Betsy Abert \$50 for birdseed for the Grant Park bird feeder. Brian Morrison seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Lynn Crawford moved to reimburse Betsy Abert \$100 for landscape plans converted to CAD for the stairway project near Wil-o-way. Deb Pizur seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Park People Liaison Introduction, Luanne Coyne

Luanne Coyne, Park People Board Member, introduced herself to our group. She asked for our top 3 priorities and we offered: Wil-o-Way stairs, upgrading the Lannon stone trails, our ongoing Weedouts which now include Japanese Tree Lilac, Suburban Soles, Gargoyle repairs at the historical park pavilion.

Luanne was asked if Park People can assist us in purchasing our own gardening tools for Friends of Grant Park.

Fundraising Committee: Trillium Art Fair, SM Garden Tour, Spring Market

The Trillium Art Fair will be pushed forward to 2023. At the South Milwaukee Garden Tour this summer we can have a Friends of Grant Park table. The Spring Market is 9 am – 2 pm on April 9, 2022 at the Salvation Army on Howell.

Eaton Donation Update

County parks approval is being sought for the project to renovate and replace limestone pavers on the main Grant Park Trail. It is likely that the contractor, Stone Oak, based in Cudahy, can be used for both the trails renovation and for the stairs near Wil-o-Way.

Stairs Proposal Update

Recent communication with Parks Planning Manager revealed that our stairs proposal for the steps near Wil-o-Way had not been reviewed yet; we were asked to resend it. It was resent in early February.

Suburban Soles

The 2022 Friends of Grant Park budget has allotted \$1700 for Suburban Soles. Jody Johnson volunteered to create a schedule of events from Brian Morrison's outline. Bill Sasse of the Root-Pike Watershed Initiative, who is also a member of FoGP, will collaborate with Brian on educational activities and projects that involve water quality issues for future walks.

Deb Pizur is completing a grant for Suburban Soles funding.

A fundraising idea was suggested for night time Suburban Soles event this summer—selling S'more packs to roast around the campfire near Wulff Lodge. Topic for event is Moths.

NEW BUSINESS

Matching Grant Opportunity

We will apply for a Southeast Wisconsin Invasive Species Consortium grant that could pay for professionals to eradicate Japanese Tree Lilac. Deadline March 4, 2022. Friends of Grant Park can provide an in-kind match of volunteer labor.

Warnimont Park remediation

A \$1.6 million restoration of the area where the gun club operated in Warnimont is planned for 2022. Details are on the Milwaukee County Parks website. (ed. note: mistaken page was cited regarding capitol expenditures. Correct total amount is \$449,017)

Reminder: Feb 22 the Nature Conservancy liaison will meet with approximately 12 members of Friends of Grant Park at 6:30 pm at the Grant Park Clubhouse.

Our next meeting will be held on March 10th at 6:30 pm in the golf course clubhouse.

Respectfully submitted by

Lynn Crawford