

**Friends of Grant Park
Meeting minutes - February 8, 2024**

Present-Jody Johnson, Mary Fortier, Jackie Benka, Carla Uphill, Deb Sindric, Kelly Ehlers, Deb Pizur, Annemarie Adsen, Deb Wilhelm, Jerry Connor, Jan Marsh, Betsy Abert, Lori Locke, Robert Kempke, Rick Kaiser, Bill Sasse, Pam Uhrig

Security - There was a large amount of graffiti on the Wil-0-Way building, discovered last weekend. If anyone has information to share, please contact the county sheriff department, 414-257-7777.

Treasurer's Report - See attached report

Fundraising committee update -

T-shirt design was selected, suggested colors dark green shirt and lime green printing. Possibly have long and short sleeves available. Potential for Suburban Soles T's and/or Gargoyle shirts.

WE energies grant- applying for Suburban Soles

Civic Grant - applying for Art Fair

SEWISC - applying for Japanese lilac removal and trees/vegetation and fencing

7 Bridges Project -Motion to reserve \$10,000 to help pay for an assessment of the ravine was made by Jan and seconded by Jody. A long discussion ensued, pros and cons were discussed. A vote was taken and the motion passed. The process is to start with talking to Parks, getting official commitment from Parks, looking for additional funds to hire a firm to do the assessment, review the assessment when completed, follow through with Parks to determine what project is a priority, seek funding, contract to have work completed.

Other Business -

Suburban Soles hikes are being planned for May thru August

Kiosk broken lock was fixed.

Will request to have mulch placed under kiosk at the 7 Bridges entrance.

Copies of the Summary of Sediment Sampling Results was shared. See attached.

Upcoming Events (see fogp.org for 2024 calendar)

March 2nd, South Milwaukee Spring Market, SMHS, 9am-2pm

April 20, Grant Park Beach Clean-up, 9am-12pm

April 27, May 4,11,18, Weedouts, 9am-11:30am, meet at tennis courts parking lot

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 14, 6:30pm, clubhouse

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Pizur
Secretary