

Friends of Grant Park
March 14, 2024
Meeting Minutes

Security-no officer present. A member reported seeing an e-bike riding on the grass in Area 5, creating tire tracks on the grass. Also the graffiti on the Wil-O-Way building was removed by sand blasting the bricks.

Treasurer's report – Please see attached

Grant Park beach clean-up, - April 20th, 9-noon

Weedout schedule - April 27, May 4,11,18. Invasives being removed are Garlic mustard and Dame's Rocket. Wild ginger will be planted to replace the invasives. Many students will be attending on May 18, more adult volunteers are needed to supervise. Contact Rick: Kaiserlaw157@hotmail.com. Youth Works will be attending from June 12-Aug. 1, all day on Wednesdays and Thursday mornings.

Grant proposal updates - WE energies (Suburban Soles – waiting to hear back) Civic Grant /B.E.(Art fair, denied), SEWISC (trees- waiting to hear back)

Bonsai Show - June 22, 9-4. Area 5A. FoGP will have a table at the pavilion and help promote the show. It is also one of the stops on the South Milwaukee Garden Club & Historical Society Garden Tour & Art Fair.

Art Fair - July 21, 10-2 pm, Area 5A, go to fogp.org for the application. 25 Artists have responded, 5 that did not respond by email were snail mailed an application. One previous artist declined attending. 13 artists have already paid. Deadline for last years artists to apply is April 1. After that the spaces are available to new artists.

Suburban Soles – Walks that are set: wildflowers, urban wildlife, trees, astronomy. Waiting confirmation for history, gardening, birds, Riverkeepers water conservation, dog walk.

Fundraising – Calendar possible theme for 2025 is Sunrise – Sunset.

7 Bridges Project-After assessment information is given, a meeting will be held with Parks to discuss the needs of the ravine and how to move forward

Optimist Theatre Company - will be presenting a FREE Shakespeare in the Park at Grant on July 13th and 14. Jan will contact Jason Haas for more information.

Group Tours- FoGP will be giving tours to various groups this summer; UWM Osher, Oak Creek HS class, SM Library teen group

Oak Creek Sediment Report was discussed. It was decided that we should contact the Mayor of SM, and our county supervisor to inquire if any actions are being taken at the Mill Pond or other areas within the Oak Creek watershed.

Other –

Park People, Pours for Parks, Sun., April 7, Best Place at the Historic Pabst Brewery, benefiting Humbolt Park with over 20 breweries offering samples

Top Chef Premier, March 20th, 8pm on Bravo Network, ch. 181. The show was filmed in Grant Park beach last summer.

SMART walk/run, May 18, 9am in Grant Park. Proceeds benefit SMPAC

A reminder was given to vote on April 2nd.

Respectfully submitted by D. Pizur