

Friends of Grant Park Minutes

April 11, 2024

Present: Carla Uphill, Lynn Weber, Mary Fortier, Debby Pizur, Steve Zimmer, Don and Nancy Engelbert, Dean Schuetz, Jan Marsh, Bill Sasse, Deb Wilhelm, Jerry Connor, Rick Kaiser, Jody Johnson, Dave Kowalewski, Keith Sobczak, Pam Uhrig

Security A railing on one of the Seven Bridges is broken. The park staff is aware.

The poor condition of the roads in Grant Park was discussed. When the road is repaired eventually, if there are not speed bumps, the fear is that the park roads will become a dangerous racetrack. County Supervisor Steve Shea will be contacted about the roads and invited to one of our meetings.

Treasurer's Report

Cash Box 1.....	\$25
Cash Box 2.....	\$90
Petty Cash held by Lynn Crawford.....	\$344.33
Held by Park People, Feb 2024.....	\$19,202.54
Total.....	\$19,661.87

Grant Park Beach Cleanup Saturday, April 20 from 9 am to 12 noon. Bags and gloves will be provided to participants.

Signup Sheet Volunteers A signup sheet, created by Jody J, was circulated for members to choose activities to volunteer for. Your participation is appreciated.

Weedout Dates April 27, May 4, May 11, May 18. Check the Friends of Grant Park website and Facebook page for the meeting location for each weedout. More adult volunteers are needed for May 18. Please contact friendsofgrantpark@gmail.com.

Rick K coordinates summer volunteers who are members of Youth Core Works. In addition, five young people will be able to work days in July. Tues July 9 from 9 am to 3 pm, Wed July 10 from 1:30 to 3:00 pm and Thurs July 11 from 1:30 to 3:00 pm. Rick will look into having the July 9 and 10 group join his other volunteers. **If anyone can oversee this volunteer group of 5 on July 9 from 9:00 to 3:00 pm, please contact Pam or Rick.**

Fundraising Committee Update

For the 2025 Calendar, if anyone can help track down dates of South Milwaukee events, such as Lions Club Heritage Fest, Community Night Out, Spring Garden Tour, etc. that would be helpful, along with verifying key holidays. Also, assistance is needed with the message

introducing the calendar and the theme of Sunrises and Sunsets. **Please contact Jody if you can help with these calendar issues.**

Tom Jones of Cousins Subs, located in Grant Park Plaza next to Pic-n-Save, has offered to supply 300 certificates for free sub sandwiches to the Trek 'n Treaters this October. In return, we will put his logo on our flyers and at the station that gives out the sub certificates. Mr. Jones also offered a donation day where a percentage of sales goes to Friends of Grant Park. Thank you, Brian Morrison for facilitating this relationship between Cousins and Friends of Grant Park.

Art Fair, July 21. Just one spot remains for the Art Fair.

Suburban Soles Deb P is working on the dates that still need presenters. Upcoming Events: May 5-Birds, May 19-Wildflowers, June 2-Urban Wildlife, July 14-Watersheds, July 28-Dragonflies, Aug. 11-Trees, Aug. 25-Astronomy, Sept. 9-History

Bonsai Show, June 22, 9 am – 4 pm The Milwaukee Bonsai Society show will take place in the Brown Pavilion, Area 5A, in conjunction with the South Milwaukee Garden Club and Historical Society Garden Tour.

Shakespeare in the Park, July 13 and 14 This event will be held near the tennis courts and “Swan Pond” from 1 -5 pm. Bring a chair or blanket, no admission charge.

Boy Scout Kiosk Plexiglass damage Jody will look for plexiglass to replace what was damaged. Suggestions for the glass were Ace Hardware or Midland Plastics. Keith S and David K volunteered to replace the glass in the kiosk.

Other issues

Surf Rider Foundation would like to work with Friends of Grant Park to restore the sand dunes at Grant Park Beach on Sept 21, 2024.

A surveillance walk will be made through Grant Park next week with potential landscaping companies that will assist in our restoration of the ravine slopes. Our budget includes \$10,000 devoted to this project.

The Milwaukee County Park Foundation is a source of funding for park needs.

Great Lakes Restoration funding through the EPA requires Milwaukee County Parks approval if Friends of Grant Park were to submit a grant proposal.

The trees for fall planting are on order.

Molson Coors is promoting a fundraiser, “Cheers to Our Parks,” offering matching funds. Posters were distributed.

Motion to adjourn by Steve Z, seconded by Jan M.

Respectfully submitted by
Lynn Crawford