

Friends of Grant Park
Meeting Minutes for Oct. 10, 2024
6:30pm at the Clubhouse, 100 Hawthorne Ave.

Present-Carla Uphill, Judy Kempke, Robert Kempke, Rick Kaiser, Lynn Crawford, Mary Fortier, Anne Schlimgen, Jeff Ziebelman, Patrick Hintz, Jody Johnson, Debby Pizur, Pam Uhrig

Security – South Milwaukee Officer Sneeds reported MKE Rangers are clearing out the park after closing. Driver had medical emergency near the Mill pond. Car accident on Lake Dr., person veered off road into the woods.

Treasurer's Report - Please see attached. Made third payment for 7 Bridges project. Cousins Night brought in \$203. Approximate total funds taken in for Trek 'n Treat is \$1140.

Review of Trek 'n Treat – Received \$200 from Skyline Catering for TnT expenses. Number of children attended 244. Park was very busy. Suggestion to have a station about erosion and to try to fit \$3 cash on to yard signs. Do we want to advertise more?

Weedout update and signage – First weedout last weekend, 44 trees were planted. Have 16 more to plant and 10 more trees are to be delivered. Trees planted in area between Oak and Elm along Lake Dr. Trees to be fenced. Some of the larger Japanese tree lilac were cut down by Parks. More Buckthorn will be cut after all trees are planted.

Person asked if grapevines smothering trees can be cut down. Yes, but time/volunteers are at a premium. Roots would also need herbicide to prevent them from regrowing.

Should we purchase more Save the Ravine signs? It seems that the signs may be affective. The large educational signs have pictures of small signs. Signs and some posts have been stolen, mostly taken from the ravine. Signs are graffiti proof. Lynn C motioned to purchase small signs in the amount of \$500, Jody seconded, and motion passed.

Election nominations – Jody will make up electronic ballot. Officers and 3 members at large to be on ballot. Nominations need to be made by November 1st. Send to friendsofgrantpark@gmail.com

Holiday get-together on December 12 – Snacks, cookie exchanges, speaker suggested activities. Park staff appreciation gift collecting of funds from members at November meeting.

7 Bridges Ravine restoration – Meeting with all groups involved to be held in Oct.

Other business – Need to sign up for winter market.

Eaton may still give us some funds.

Report of School District committee established to see if people are interested in creating a community center with a fitness center and pool.

Respectfully submitted,
Debby Pizur