

**FRIENDS OF GRANT PARK  
MINUTES  
April 10, 2025**

**Attendance** Dave Kowalewski, Keith Sobczak, Robert Kempke, Tom Flanagan, Mary Fortier, Jody Johnson, Lynn Crawford, Rick Kaiser, Anne Schlimgen, Annemarie Adsen, Diane Hoffman, Deb Sindric, Steve Zimmer, Debby Pizur, Jan Marsh, Patrick Hintz, Lori Locke, Betsy Abert

**Security** A few minor incidents, including a couple of after-hours tickets which are approximately \$124. If a fire is seen on Grant Park beach or shoreline, call the non-emergency South Milwaukee Police number, 414-768-8060, Option 3. Two police drones can be deployed in the park. They have been used to search for people who are lost.

**Treasurer's Report**

Cash Boxes (2)	\$ 160.00	
Petty Cash held by Lynn Crawford	\$ 455.13	
Held by Park People on 1/1/25	\$ 16,671.00	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>\$17,286.13</b>

**WeedOuts: April 26, May 3, May 10, May 17** Every year Park People selects one of the friends groups to host the WeedOut kickoff. Friends of Grant Park has been selected for the WeedOut Kickoff on April 26, 2025. This event is being advertised to the community which may generate more volunteers. There will be a cookout afterward. WeedOut flyers are available from Jody.

**Suburban Soles** All Suburban Soles activities have now been scheduled. The Suburban Soles calendar will be posted on the Friends of Grant Park website and facebook page soon.

**Grant Park Main Beach Cleanup, Saturday, April 19, 9 am to noon** Flyers are available from Jody. Jody will have all equipment needed, except for litter pickers/grabbers. The rain date is April 26, Saturday. Jody received a request for beach cleanup information in July from another organization and assisted them with the required steps and tasks.

**Spring Plant Sale at South Milwaukee Market, May 29, 3 -7 pm** Garden or indoor plants will be accepted for this fundraiser. Please drop off the plants at the event or contact Pam U. or Deb P. at [friendsofgrantpark@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofgrantpark@gmail.com).

**Art Fair July 20** All but 4 spaces have been filled. Volunteers are needed.

**Newsletter** Available from Jody

**Gargoyle Carvings** One new gargoyle carving has been completed by a volunteer, using an existing gargoyle as a model. Replacing the deteriorating gargoyles faces many challenges, including structural.

**South Milwaukee Track Team Fundraiser** Casino Night at Knights of Columbus, this Sat 7 pm.  
The South Milwaukee Track Team often volunteers at Weed Out.

**Bird feeder** It is proposed to move the bird feeder from the existing Area 2 parking lot to the Area 4 Parking Lot in a nicely wooded spot at the end of May. Bird seed can be stored in a locked, specially painted, garbage can, inside the fenced lot. Betsy A can fill the can every couple of weeks and volunteers can fill the feeder(s). There will be sign stating deer are not to be fed.

Volunteers are needed to research DNR rules that prohibit feeding deer.

### **Additional Topics Brought Up**

Questions were raised about who has been joining the Friends of Grant Park facebook page. The answer is that several administrators monitor new members.

The Friends of Grant Park website will be updated with the new mission statement.

The number of trails and width of trails in Grant Park should be reduced to maintain a healthy woodland environment.

Parking Lot 2 may be taken out by Milwaukee County when park roads are repaired in the future. Monitoring how many people use this parking lot and when they use it could be helpful in seeking to retain Parking Lot 2.

Additional community outreach for the Indigo ravine restoration plans was discussed. The plans could be displayed in the Grant Park Clubhouse or South Milwaukee Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Crawford