

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

**Attendance**

**Security** No incidents on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Last month the incidents of note were: A warrant was served on someone in the park; there was vandalism of \$500 to a sign; 2 people were suicidal in the park--one was found elsewhere unharmed and the other was taken into custody.

As a follow-up, the park kiosk will be checked for suicide prevention contacts

**Treasurer's Report**

Cash Boxes, approximate		\$400.00	
Petty Cash held by Lynn Crawford		\$455.34	
Held by Park People on 1/1/25		\$17,850.92	
TOTAL ASSETS			<u>\$18,706.26</u>

**Art Fair** The third annual Art Fair is Sunday July 20 from 10 am to 3 pm. All 32 spots have been filled with artists. There will be an ice cream truck and churros. Volunteers are needed to assist artists in transporting their items from the parking lot into their booths; to act as runners, which requires a car, to go for anything that may be needed last minute; to check participants in; to provide artists a break so they may leave their stations for a few moments; and to man the FoGP booth where t-shirts will be sold and memberships can be purchased. Volunteers are asked to park in the tennis court area, which will leave more spots for artists and participants.

**Suburban Soles** Every other Sunday in summer months for 90 minutes to 2 hours, FoGP sponsors these nature outings, lead by an expert in their field. The last Suburban Soles is Aug 24. Hosts to introduce the presenters and accompany the group are still needed.

If anyone knows of a presenter who has expertise in some aspect of nature or the park, please let us know for future Suburban Soles programs. Also needed is a Suburban Soles Chairperson(s) to coordinate the outings for the 2026 season. Deb P, the current Chair would assist and mentor. Many of the presenters come back each year, so it is just a matter of contacting them. The presenters create the short blurb that explains their activity on the promotional flyers.

**Weed Out** Removing invasives is the goal of WeedOut. During summer, 15-18 YouthWorks volunteers come on Wed and Thurs, as well as July 14-17, to remove Buckthorn, Japanese Tree Lilac, and Burdock. Spring WeedOuts usually focus on Garlic Mustard and Dame's Rocket. Fall WeedOuts will take place in Sept and Oct for mostly Buckthorn.

**Wulff Lodge Garden** July 15 at 9am to approximately 11 am Friends of Grant Park members will be weeding the garden. Volunteers are requested to join for whatever amount of time is convenient.

**July 5 Cleanup sponsored by Moran's Bar.** 30 volunteers participated and then were invited to a private party at Moran's bar where they received a free drink and participated in a raffle.

**Aug 6, 5:30 to 9:30 pm South Milwaukee Community Night Out** Friends of Grant Park will again have a table at this event, arriving about 5 pm to set up and staying until about 8:30 pm. Fireworks take place at 9:30 pm. In addition to the many booths there is a dunk tank, petting zoo, and hotdogs and hamburgers for sale. Volunteers are welcome to join Lynn C and Mary F for any or all of the event.

**South Milwaukee Open Doors Sept 13, 2025.** Wulff Lodge is open 10 am-3 pm on Sat Sept 13.

**Shakespeare in the Park by Optimist Theater. Sun July 27** The first performance is 1 pm and the last performance at 5 pm. There is a 2 pm puppet version of Much Ado About Nothing. Performances take place in Grant Park near the Swan Pond, parking in the tennis court lot. Performances are free, donations accepted. Bring your own chair or blanket.

**Ravine Restoration Project** Friends of Grant Park funded the groundwork plan for the restoration to take place. The actual restoration would cost over \$1 million. We are seeking grants and contacting foundations. The plan is on our website and at City Hall.

**Park People Annual meeting on July 24 Thurs, 4-8 pm, County Grounds Park.** Jody J will attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Crawford