

Friends of Grant Park Minutes
Sept 10, 2026, 6:30pm, Area 5A

In attendance: Jody Johnson, Lynn Meidam, Deb Pizur, Julia Dekker, Mary Fortier, Jackie Benka, Diane Hoffman, Rhia Johnson, Carla Uphill, Anamarie Adsen, Jan Marsh, Betsy Abert, Chris Marifke, Deb Wilhelm, Lynn Crawford

Security A burnt section of grass, south of the bird feeder, was seen.

Treasurer Report

Cash Boxes, approximate	\$459.00
Petty Cash held by Lynn Crawford	\$567.22
Park People, estimated Aug 1	\$29,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$30,026.22

Bluebird Restoration Association of WI Bluebird Trail at Grant Park Golf Course

2026

boxes: 11

used by BBs: 4

BB nests: 7

BB eggs: 35

#BB hatched: 27

#BB fledged: 26

Main Beach Cleanup, Sep 19, 9-noon, Grant Park Beach

South Milwaukee Fall Fest Sept 24, 3 pm – 7 pm, Bucyrus Commons. Volunteers are needed to hand out flyers, talk about Trek 'n Treat, and tell people about upcoming weedouts.

Fall Weedout: Oct 3, 10, 17, 24. Email Rick if you plan to come. His email is on the website. Check the FoGP website for the location to meet.

Trek 'n Treat, Sunday, Oct 11, 1-4 pm, Area 5A and 7 Bridges trails Many local sponsors have stepped forward. Each station needs 300 treats, so donations of 300 of the same treat are appreciated.

There will be high school volunteers from South Milwaukee and Oak Creek.

A “game master” is needed for the bean bag toss game that Deb W will drop off. The pumpkin and rock painting tables need volunteers. From 9-10 am, volunteers are needed to help set up the tables.

Pam is putting yard signs out tomorrow and getting signs to businesses this week. The county web page will advertise Trek ‘n Treat. There will be flyers at the South Shore market, and South Milwaukee schools, and in the kiosk.

If you know high schoolers who would like to volunteer, please give them Pam’s email.

Save the date flyer for 2027 fundraiser will be available at Trek ‘n Treat.

FoGP Fundraising Night Out: Soup & Sip, Moran’s Pub, 6 pm-9pm, April 22, 2027 Lynn M will make sure the Park People raffle permit allows for 50/50 raffles.

Wil-o-Way gardens Carla U, Susy G, and Chris M have done major cleanups at the gardens in preparation for a Sept 30 retirement (4 pm - 8 pm) for Jan Alba of Extension Milwaukee County. They could use the help of any willing volunteers.

Jody J, Deb P and Pam U hosted a group of seven for a tour of Seven Bridges to show them areas affected by erosion, as highlighted in the ravine restoration project FoGP funded two years ago. Participants included:

Mke County Supv. Sheldon Wasserman, chair of Committee on Parks & Culture
Mke County Supv. District 8 Steven Shea
Mke County Parks Jacob Sanchez, Trail Coordinator
Mke County Parks Tony Giron, Engagement Manager
City of South Milwaukee Alderman Craig Maass
Environmental Design Solutions Therese Gripentrog

Therese Gripentrog, who has been hired as a consultant for FoGP, will present us with a summary of the outing.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Crawford