

Lake Park Friends Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 27, 2008 • 7:00 p.m. • Location: **Marcia Coles Community Room**

Present: Anne Booth, Dennis Buettner, Tom Cheney, Jim Cope, Karen Fox, Sally Merrell, Steve Morse, Mary Ritchie, Virginia Schwartz, Sarah Slaughter, Donna Smith, Sarah Zimmerman, Ann Wollmer

Excused: Brian DesPlaines, BG Hook

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:10PM.
2. The November minutes were approved unanimously with a motion to approve by Phil Schultz and a second by Sally Merrell.
3. Tom Cheney noted the financial documents and Sarah Slaughter reported that the audit for the year end April 30, 2007 has been completed, with the 990 form submitted. A copy of the audit, 990 form and financial statements is available in the Lake Park Friends office for public review.
4. Gerry Broderick reported details on the construction plan for the north section of the Lion Bridge. The work will start this spring with hopes to be completed in October. Sue Black is working on additional funding to move from this bridge to the south bridge. Fred Renner will be the construction manager at Milwaukee County Parks in the Department of Public Works.

Parks energy and environment committee also met to discuss issues about amplified music at North Point custard stand and Bradford Beach. Joe Bartolotta will take over management of the custard stand, and the management of the Bradford Bathhouse has been extended. This should be approved at the February 5 meeting.

Joe Bartolotta plans to extensively renovate the stand both in terms of exterior appearance and menu. The bathhouse will also be required to be renovated by the vendor. There is a possibility for a nine year lease which would make the investments worthwhile.

Mary Ritchie expressed concern about access to the renovated Marcia Coles Community Room, and Tom Cheney has expressed this concern to Sue Black. Access to the room will change over time.

5. Ann Wollmer reported that the Winter Newsletter will be in mailboxes at the end of next week and asks for more articles to be submitted. Ann also asks for as much advanced planning as possible with committee events to get them advertised as well as possible.

Ann and Anne Booth met with representatives at the UWM alumni house and Kate Nelson to develop some joint projects. Kate Nelson suggested the concept of an “eco-walk” from UWM to Lake Park to learn about different projects in the area. The second part is the “eco-walk weed and feed” in which they donate an hour of their time and we feed them. Mark your calendars for April 25, 10-1 to participate and thanks to Karen Fox for her help with the planning! Lake Park clean up will probably happen the same weekend.

6. Old Business:

- a. Directors and Officers Insurance – Tom Cheney said that LPF will move forward with general liability insurance for \$450/year. Increasing the deduction does not reduce this annual fee. We are considering directors and officers insurance as well, but Tom is not sure we need this level of insurance at this time. Steve Morse feels that we should have this type of insurance to make sure there is no potential liability that comes with serving as a volunteer on the board. The cost is \$750/year, and \$1050 if employment practices are included. Sarah Zimmerman wanted

to know what cases are excluded from GL that would make us want to have D&O. Sally Merrell is not of the opinion that we need D&O.

GL insurance has been approved and we will table the D&O insurance for now.

- b. Nominating Committee – Tom Cheney recommends Sally Merrell, Jim Cope and Anne Booth to be on the committee, and they will report back on who the chair will be.
- c. Band Shelter Update – Tom Cheney updated the board on the band shelter, while pointing out its inclusion in the master list of projects that should be updated on an ongoing basis so that we have the information on hand as needed. Please include volunteer names in the projects and/or identify volunteer needs. Tom would like to get this document online. This document will go a long way toward keeping us organized and informed about the many projects Lake Park Friends is involved with.

We have a donor for the band shell and have started the process of considering what type of structure would make sense for the park. We are looking to have a performance stage of some type and are exploring issues of site and structure with an architect that was recommended by the County. The County is onboard with this project and welcome the idea of adding this to the park. The County will look to us for recommendations on site and design. Donna Smith raised the question of who would benefit from this – could monies raised from rentals go to Lake Park Friends.

The History and Nature Committees are concerned about where this structure would be located, and both are set against having it at the location where Musical Mondays is held now. From a design perspective, there are strong opinions that the structure maintain a “woody” (rustic) feel (so that you can see the trees). Thallis Drake has worked hard to line up groups for Musical Mondays for a decade and would consider ending her involvement with the program if such a structure is built.

Concerns and opinions about the site and design will be taken into consideration in looking into how to proceed.

Phil Schultz wanted to know if there was a timeline that we have to keep to in order to receive the proposed funds, but it does not appear that there is. A family representative has been involved with the talks with the County and Lake Park Friends representatives. There is no rough timetable as of yet. It will take several more months to have a better feel for how the project could develop.

- d. Community Room Formal Request – Tom Cheney read his request to the County about access to the room. (See Tom Cheney’s 1/27 email.) Steve Morse asked about keys to the room and the cupboard, and expressed concern about the History and Nature Committee’s ability to get what they need for their many events in the room. Access to not only the Community Room but also the office is part of a larger security issue around access and who has keys.
- e. Waterfall Ravine Project Update – Please see the master list of projects for an update.
- f. Tom Cheney also mentioned that the County is considering a small dog park south of the parking entrance on the lake side near the old gun club.

2. New Business:

- a. Development Committee Report –Anne Booth distributed the report for your review.
- b. Dennis Buettner raised a concern about the Newberry Boulevard entrance plantings for the

economic concerns. The goal is to do more primitive planting to be energy-conscious while providing an attractive, colorful end product. Dennis is going to develop a plan to present to Bartolotta's for funding.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35PM. Sarah Zimmerman made a motion, seconded by Mary Ritchie and passed.

Next board meeting Tuesday March 24, 2009