

# LAKE PARK FRIENDS BOARD MEETING

## MINUTES

November 25, 2008

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**Location:** Warming House at 7PM

**Members Present:** Dennis Buettner, Ann Wollmer, Steve Morse, Phil Schultz, Karen Fox, Mary Ritchie, B.G. Hook, Tom Cheney, Dave O'Brien, Sarah Zimmerman, Brian Desplaines, Virginia Schwartz, Anne Booth, Sally Merrell (who took these minutes).

1. Tom Cheney called the meeting to order at 7:07PM.
2. Virginia Schwartz made a motion to approve the October Minutes, Dave O'Brien seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
3. Treasurer's Report. Brian is meeting with Chris next week to work out communication between Brian, Chris, and Lake Park Friends' board. Brian's goal is to attend a meeting of each committee to introduce himself. He suggested that committee chairs contact him to set up these meetings. His e-mail is [briandesplaines@micorp.com](mailto:briandesplaines@micorp.com).
4. Administrator's Report. Ann has been focusing on membership renewals. She waits for six months since the membership lapses and then sends out a "We Miss You" card.
5. Park Benches. Sarah reported on the current status of the park benches. There were eight prospects, four of whom have decided not to pursue purchasing a bench

at this time and four of whom remain interested. Due to changing personnel at the County and Lake Park Friends, there has been a delay in answering some key questions. Jim Scia is now the liaison at the County. Sarah has been trying to contact Jim to get his approval for the locations of the benches. Sarah is also hoping to get County confirmation of the map of future bench placement. Sarah also will get Dennis' approval after the County has responded to the current map.

6. Waterfall Ravine Project. There is a nice picture of Joe the Mason in the Journal Sentinel on November 21. In 2008 Lake Park Friends paid \$22,000 for masonry, \$2,000 on mortar and \$500 on stone. Dennis is working on a design for the top to include a stone seat well. There is the potential for four holding tanks.

7. Marcia Coles Community Room. Tom discussed signage for the community with Sue Black and Chuck Ward. The column sizes remain a challenge as the columns cut down on site lines and available space. At this point it appears the County will not do anything about it. Overall the room looks great.

8. Proposed Band Shell. The History Committee was comfortable with a band shell with open sides. A WPA map discovered by Mary Ritchie shows the location of a rustic band shell very close to the proposed location. Mary agreed to work with the potential donor for the band shell and the History Committee to develop a plan.

9. Board Insurance. Steve shared his analysis of the proposals he received from Roberts & Ryan regarding general liability insurance, employment practices

insurance, and directors and officers' insurance. After discussion, the board determined that, if Steve concluded that purchase of the general liability insurance policy was advisable, Tom could sign that paperwork to purchase the policy for a premium amount up to \$450 per year. Specifically, Steve should consider the impact on the cost of a higher deductible. Dave O'Brien made a motion to proceed with the purchase of the general liability insurance policy up to the amount of \$450 per year. Ann Booth seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Steve will provide more information on the directors and officers insurance and employment practices insurance.

10. Ice Rink. Rob Misey has scheduled a skating party for January 25. Joe Wilson has identified a donor and Joe Bartolotta may also be interested in providing a contribution. With these donors already identified, perhaps the skating rink does not need to send out a fundraising letter. The skating rink committee should obtain a letter of understanding with the County regarding snow removal and tear-down of the rink in spring. Rob will talk with Chuck Ward to establish protocols. In view of the renovations to the warming house, it is requested that new mats be installed to protect the rugs.

11. Dog Park. The County budget includes funds for dog parks in County parks. One recommended spot is the old gun club location (east of Lincoln Memorial Drive).

12. Nominating Committee. Sarah Slaughter, Current Chair of Nominating Committee, will be leaving the board at the end of her term in May. Tom is looking for volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee.

13. Adjournment. At 8:30PM Mary Ritchie moved for adjournment and it was seconded by Karen Fox. The motion passed unanimously. There will be no December board meeting.