

Lake Park Friends Board Meeting Minutes

Monday April 28, 2008 @7:00 p.m. Location: **Warming House**

Present: Tom Cheney, Donna Lau Smith, BG Hook, Anne Booth, Virginia Schwartz, Karen Percy Fox, Sarah Slaughter, Dennis Buettner, Oliver Plunkett, Sally Merrell, Steve Morse, Gerry Broderick, Ann Wollmer
Excused: Mary Ritchie, Jim Cope, Dave O'Brien

1. The meeting was called to order by Tom Cheney at 7:07PM.
2. Donna Smith made a motion to approve the March 2008 minutes, seconded by Virginia Schwartz. The motion passed.
3. Oliver Plunkett reviewed the financial reports for the last month. Oliver submitted a budget for the next five months to help get us onto our new fiscal calendar. At the end of this fiscal year in September we will have a new budget for the following year. One note, the ice rink almost paid for itself this year. We only owed \$1200 and are now back at \$0. The budget for the remainder of 2008 will be approved at the annual meeting in May.
4. County/Government Update
 - a. Gerry Broderick – Gerry has been elected to the head of the Parks Committee and will be working closely with Sue Black. The Bradford Beach bathhouse is to be revitalized over the next two summers. It needs a large amount of capital support that hopefully will be in the budget in the next year. The parks department wants to do a pilot for a year to make sure all the needs are being addressed. Thereafter they may make a request for proposals to help with the renovation. Friends of Bradford Beach is working toward raising funds for a water feature near the building.

The Parks Committee will also be meeting with the deputies in charge of monitoring the lakefront about continuing parks patrols.

The advisory parks commission has been charged with researching funding for the parks department to help with the deferred maintenance issues. They will be reporting back on their findings for a permanent source of funding sometime in the next 1-2 months.

5. Old Business:
 - a. Bench Project – Dennis reported on locations for the next group of benches that will be installed. We need to discuss what the process will be for bench locations overall – a master plan. Judy Stark could be a good person to help with mapping the benches.
 - b. Wahl Avenue Update – Sally reported that the contract with the County and Applied Ecological Services should be signed in the next week. The Nature Committee was concerned about some of the types of trees that were cut, but Laurie Albano approved every tree, and every move on the bluff has been closely overseen by the County.
 - c. Nominating Committee – Sarah reported that we have three new board members lined up for 2008/2009 – Phil Schultz, Marta Turba, and Sarah Zimmerman. Donna Smith made a motion to approve the slate of new directors, and Karen Fox seconded. The motion passed. The vote for their approval will take place at the Annual Meeting.
 - d. Annual Meeting – Monday, May 19 – Invitations have been mailed. Marcia Coles will be presented with the Lake Park Friends Conservator of the Year Award.

- e. July 4th Celebration (horse & buggy/concessions) – Oliver Plunkett is working on the horse and buggy and is looking for help with concessions.
- f. Community Room Improvements – Dave O’Brien has an interest in continuing to work on the Community Room.

6. New Business:

- a. Bylaws Recommendation – All recommendations were passed. #1 Sarah motioned to approve and Karen seconded. #2 Virginia motioned to approve and BG seconded. #3 Virginia motioned to approve and Donna seconded. #4 Steve motioned to approve and Donna seconded.
- b. North Point Lighthouse – Tom will reach out to this and other peer organizations to make sure our relationship(s) are healthy and communication is open between the groups.
- c. Board Training – Tom recently attended training for incoming presidents called Board Star. He wants to know if anyone is interested in board training. For \$250 a representative can come to LPF. Check them out at www.boardstar.org.
- d. Brick Arch Bridge Design – Steve reported on the bridge coming into the parking lot from the north end of the park. It is in need of repair, and the Dept. of Transportation has funding for 80% of the bridge repair. The County will pay for the remaining 20%. It needs a crash barrier to make sure that no car can careen off the bridge that goes between the roadway and the sidewalk to leave the ornamental edges as they are. If we use concrete, it can be stained to color match the other colors on the bridge and could have ornamentation to help it blend in. We would ask for it to be as short as possible. They need LPF board to take a stand on our preferences for the crash barrier. The road would also be repaved during the construction.

This is the only brick bridge in Wisconsin.

Virginia made a motion to reinforce the bridge and put in the least effective barrier, which we believe to be concrete as low as it will go. Anne seconded and the motioned passed.

- e. Development/Membership Update – We have 657 individuals who are part of over 400 members of LPF. Ann sent out 140 renewal forms and received 50 back. Some people also responded to the survey to provide us with more demographic information. There have been no complaints about the new membership levels. More members are also providing their emails. 14 new members since January.

For \$300 a local graphic designer will help us redo our membership brochure.

Wahl Avenue donors who have donated to the Bluff Restoration and those who have purchased benches will all become lifetime members (they all gave over \$1000).

- f. Warming House Guidelines – Ann circulated new guidelines for the warming house. Further discussion is needed to determine how we want the space used and what the proper procedures should be.
- g. AWE Truck Studio – July 7-11 9:30-11:30 kids 4-14 FREE – Sally Duback and Diane Buck and others will come to Lake Park this summer. There will be an art teacher, two interns.

- h. There was discussion about moving Musical Mondays to the Wolcott plaza.
- i. The next Olmsted National Conference is September 22, 2008 in Pittsburgh, PA. There was interest among the board to send a representative. Gil Walter was the last to attend.

Dennis motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:05PM. Virginia seconded and the motion passed.

*NOTE – In the future meetings agenda items should focus on those issues that need action/decision, as opposed to those that are just reported.

***NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON TUESDAY, MAY 27**
7PM – Warming House