

## **Lake Park Friends Board Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, July 22, 2008

Present: Tom Cheney, Anne Booth, Mary Ritchie, Marta Turba, Sarah Zimmerman, Dennis Buettner,

Sarah Slaughter, Dave O'Brien, Phil Schultz, Virginia Schwartz, Donna Lau Smith, Sally Merrell, Steve Morse, Jim Cope, BG Hook, Gerry Broderick, Ann Wollmer

Excused: Karen Fox

Tom Cheney brought the meeting to order at approximately 7PM.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Marta Turba presented the Treasurer's report for May and June.

### **County/Government Update**

Gerry Broderick

The County Board will vote on the sales tax proposal in September.

No other solutions have been presented in place of a sales tax for parks, recreation and culture.

### **Guest Presentation**

Jack Price and Luke Mitchell came to talk about Lake Park Little League (LPLL). Jack is the current president of the group (which has a 501c3 designation). Lake Park has a diamond designed to meet Little League specifications, and LPLL would like to improve the facility. They are doing internal fundraising right now to raise the \$16,000 they need to pay for special dirt purchased for the diamond this season. Costs are high to meet the specific materials needed.

Currently there are approximately 100 players from 88 families in the neighborhood involved with LPLL. LPLL would like to work with/be in dialogue with LPF about how they should move forward with exploring improvements to the baseball diamond. LPLL wants to understand what they can do within the park and changes to the ball field. They are in the conceptual stage now.

LPF will put this topic on the agenda for the August meeting and get back to Jack and Luke in due course. They have requested that we respond to them by September LPF meeting. LPF would like to have a written request from them outlining exactly what they are looking for.

### **President's Report**

Tom would like to find an appropriate process for memorials, but there were thoughts that this is a topic for the executive committee.

Sue Black has authority over the Community Room and has taken an interest in its improvement. She has developed a plan for the room and has asked for a landscape proposal from Dennis Buettner. She will have the final decision making authority over any changes in the room.

### **Administrator's Report**

Memorial donations for Marcia Coles have increased to just over \$2000.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **Wahl Avenue**

Phase 1 is complete and the five-year maintenance plan (Phase 2) is about to begin. There will be a tour from 10AM-12PM on August 23.

#### **Waterfall Ravine Project Update**

Phil Schultz reviewed the waterfall ravine project.

#### **July 4th Celebration**

Steve Morse was concerned that there was no signage showing LPF's involvement in the festivities. Next year LPF should seek to have a greater presence.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Cirque du Lake Park- Sunday, September 7**

BG reported on the upcoming fundraiser and would like board members to collect items for the silent auction. \$50/person.

#### **Movie Nights**

Sarah Z. reported on the upcoming movies for August, and they are working to resolve possible issues with sound.

### **Tennis Court Backboard**

Thanks to the Copes for two new backboards for the tennis courts! They are up and in use.

### **Weekly Walks/Tours in the Park**

Steve Morse sought feedback on the idea of regular tours of Lake Park, and there was concern in the group about staffing and demand. There is interest among the board, but we would like to understand how feasible it could be. Start with a trial period and see how it develops.

Dennis Buettner suggested looking into working with an actor to impersonate Frederick Law Olmsted to talk about the park.

### **Storing History Items**

Virginia Schwartz and the History Committee has been working on developing an archive on the history of the park and would like the board's blessing to find a place to properly (and intentionally) store the artifacts. Sally made a motion to approve the request, BG seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

There will be a power point presentation on Ferry and Clas on August 24, 2008 at 2PM.

### **Brick Arch Bridge Public Information Meeting Update**

Steve Morse reported on the meeting and shared how Anne Booth had the terrific insight to talk with the presenters about how to approach their project (if paving the bridge, what about the parking lot) and think about the other things that will be impacted. Time frame has been changing.

Sarah Slaughter made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Sarah Zimmerman seconded and the motion passed.

Next Meeting is August 26, 7PM