

Lake Park Friends Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 26, 2008 • 7:00 p.m. • Location: **Warming House**

Excused: Anne Booth, Marta Turba, Phil Schulz, Donna Smith, Karen Fox, BG Hook, Phil Schultz, Jim Cope

Present: Steve Morse, Sarah Zimmerman, Mary Ritchie, Virginia Schwartz, Tom Cheney, Sarah Slaughter, Dennis Buettner, Sally Merrell

1. Tom Cheney called the meeting to order at 7:07PM.
2. May – Sarah Zimmerman made a motion to approve the minutes, Virginia Schwartz seconded and the motion passed.
July – Virginia Schwartz made a motion to approve the minutes, Dave O’Brien seconded and the motion passed.
3. Administrator’s Report
Ann Wollmer has been busy updating the website, processing responses for the fundraiser, preparing grants etc. This is a very busy time of year.
4. Old Business:
 - a. Waterfall Ravine Project Update
Dennis Buettner reported on progress on the Waterfall Ravine Project. There was a site walk through, and preparations for the ravine restoration are coming together to move forward. Working on getting a rendering now for what it’s going to look like when complete that can be presented at the fundraiser. The project expense total is projected to be about \$200K, and LPF has raised \$100K so far. Bartolotta’s would like more information about the ravine project as it becomes available. Sue Black has talked about finding a way to amend the agreement with the restaurant so that some of the funds in their account could be directed toward the project (right now the project falls just outside the range outlined in the agreement).
 - b. Nature and History Committee Events –
Steve Morse presented information on the Wahl Avenue event and was pleased with the turnout and questions asked. The History Committee convened a presentation about architects Ferry and Clas with over the weekend with 80 people in attendance.
 - c. Cirque du Lake Park- Sunday, September 7 –
Everything is ready to go for the event, but please attend and bring your friends!
5. New Business:
 - a. Little League Response –
Tom Cheney received a response that Dennis wrote to forward to the gentlemen who were at the July meeting.
 - b. National Public Lands Day –
Tom Cheney would like to know if someone from LPF would be willing to be a site coordinator for the 2009 event next September. Please keep this in mind.
 - c. Movie Night Cost Overrun –
Tom Cheney outlined how the movie cost expenses exceeded the board approved amount. The movie rental turned out to be higher than expected, and additional audio support had to be rented to improve the sound quality.

It was suggested that in the future when a motion is made for dollars for a project, it would be a good idea to include a buffer amount or a not to exceed amount before having to go back to the board for additional approval for funds.

d. Treasurer Replacement –

Marta Turba has given notice effective by the October meeting. We are working proactively to find a replacement for this position, along with finding an efficient way to handle bookkeeping and financial statement preparation. We can also find out who handles these transactions at Urban Ecology Center and Schlitz Audubon Nature Center. Marta also has the name of the person who prepares the information for the Women's Fund of Milwaukee.

The budget cycle is also about to begin as we get close to year end September 30. Please review your committee budgets now in preparation for next year.

e. Sally Merrell has suggested that the next Lion include an article about the rain gardens and work on Wahl Avenue.

The meeting adjourned at 8:22PM.

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Upcoming Events

September 2008

Saturday, 6	Warbler Walk 8:30-10 a.m. Location: Warming House
Sunday, 7	Cirque du Lake Park 5-8 p.m. Location: Lake Park Bistro
Saturday, 13	Guy Smith on Milwaukee County's Trail System 1- 3 p.m. Location: Community Room
Saturday, 13	Warbler Walk 8:30-10 a.m. Location: Warming House
Saturday, 20	Warbler Walk 8:30-10 a.m. Location: Warming House
Saturday, 27	Warbler Walk 8:30-10 a.m. Location: Warming House
Saturday, 27	National Public Lands Day visit www.publiclandsday.org for more information