

Lake Park Friends Board Meeting  
September 23, 2008  
7PM, Warming House

Present – Tom Cheney, Phil Schultz, Steve Morse, Anne Booth, BG Hook, Karen Fox, Sarah Zimmerman, Sarah Slaughter, Mary Ritchie, Donna Lau Smith, Sally Merrell

Excused – Dennis Buettner, Virginia Schwartz, Jim Cope, Dave O'Brien

Tom Cheney called the meeting to order at 7:05PM.

Sarah Zimmerman made a motion to approve August's minutes, Anne Booth seconded, and the motion passed.

**Parks Department Update – Sue Black and Matt Collins**

Sue suggested that we insert a Parks update on our agendas as a placeholder because Matt will try to attend most meetings.

Rent - Sue will look into how many Friends groups are paying rent. She wants to make sure that our current arrangement makes sense.

Community Room - Sue worked with the list from Steve about the community room remodel when meeting with the architect. the list included our concerns about the ceiling, floor, leaky pipes etc., and she shared the architect's plan with the board.

Restrooms - Sue noted that we had requested separate entrances from the outside to the restrooms. The restrooms are now adjacent to each other and the former mens' bathroom will now be lockable storage room for Parks. Both restrooms can be kept open to the public while the rest of the community room is locked. The Community Room will also include air conditioning and a kitchen, with construction starting immediately and lasting approximately 5-7 weeks. Bids came in under budget, around \$140,000, excluding furniture. The money is coming out of the Bartolotta fund.

Please note that the Mitchell Park Domes will reopen Nov. 5.

Matt Collins asked about kiosks for Lake Park, but Tom Cheney responded that we have not really discussed whether we want them or not.

Recycling - LPF is interested in getting recycling containers for the park by asking Coca-Cola or other companies directly for them. The Parks was not sure they could haul away recycled goods, even if we had containers, and they would not object if we were to arrange to haul the items away for money. Anne Booth asked if we could work with Bartolotta's on our push to encourage recycling.

Playground – Nothing is on the capital improvement list for the playground, but Matt will look into ways to fund it. He will be meeting with Mike Raap (landscape architect) about it this week.

Signage – Anne Booth asked if the Parks could post signs indicating that renovations are underway throughout the park (such as in the Community Room) to help build public awareness about the work going on.

Community Room – Matt and Sue suggested we hold an open house or other member event with the Community Room reopens, and this was met with general agreement.

### **Administrator's Report**

Ann Wollmer requested articles be submitted for the newsletter and website. Tom noted that it would be good to have a backlog of articles so that we don't run out.

Anne Booth drew our attention to the new format of the newsletter, which is now in color. She mentioned that some people are concerned about the expense of printing the newsletter and suggested that we consider producing the newsletter quarterly instead of every other month. Quarterly production would require more planning to be sure that all events were listed well in advance to be included. She is seeking feedback on this suggestion. The newsletter is one of the few things our members get that the public does not have available to it. It was agreed we would take some time with the new format before deciding whether or not to cut back to four times a year.

### **Waterfall Ravine**

Phil Schultz talked to Guy Smith, who agreed to get together next week to discuss plantings in the ravine. There also is a commitment to having County crew do the trimming work by the end of October. There has been discussion regarding the water tanks, but any work on this would not begin until the Spring. A mason will be identified to repair existing waterfall at the bottom. Kevin Haley has a mason with whom they will meet next week to discuss pricing. The County has been slow to respond, which is the primary challenge right now.

There is a DNR grant we can apply for, however, the County is already planning to use those funds to fight the ash borer. Guy Smith was not optimistic that LPF would be funded, but we can try.

Tom mentioned we received \$20,000 from the Bock Foundation and \$10,000 from the Argosy Foundation for the Waterfall Ravine.

### **Cirque du Lake Park**

A good time was had by all at the fundraiser. Anne Booth thinks the total revenue was \$20,000, although total expenses are unclear at this point with the bookkeeping transition.

## **New Business**

### **Bradford Beach Developments**

The County signed a one-year lease with the operator with no restrictions on noise. Residents have met with the County, including Scott Walker about the noise nuisance. The County is about to issue an RFP for an operator for 9 years and plans to offer a lot of leeway on what the operator can do, noise levels, hours, liquor allowed, etc. Residents and park users are concerned about amplified music. Preserve Our Parks and the Water Tower Landmark Trust are involved.

There is a meeting October 1 at 7PM. Donna asked that we individually get involved in the process. The board agreed not to take a position.

### **Little League**

The letter that went out was well received.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:28PM.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, October 28 at 7PM at the Warming House