

Lake Park Friends Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 23 • 7:00 p.m. • Location: **Marcia Coles Community Room**

Excused: Jim Cope, Anne Booth, Sarah Zimmerman, Steve Morse, Katie West, Brian DesPlaines

Present: Brian Hansen, Ann Wollmer, Tom Cheney, Phil Schultz, Dave O'Brien, Steve Duback, BG Hook, Susanna Mortara, Mary Ritchie, Dennis Buettner

Not present: Virginia Schwartz

1. Tom Cheney called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.
2. Approval of January minutes: Steve Duback called attention to a couple of corrections: In the title, change "Agenda" to "Minutes" and then check numbering of items. Dave O'Brien made a motion to approve the January minutes, Brian Hansen seconded and the motion passed without opposition.
3. Government Report: There was no government report.
4. Treasurer's report: Brian DesPlaines was not present and did not supply financials prior to the meeting.
5. Administrator's Report: Ann Wollmer handed out a listing of all LPF members, totaling 437 memberships. Board members are to use this list for reference to help learn which of their friends and neighbors are LPF members. Steve Duback is drafting a personal letter to send to people he knows who are on the inactive list, which was emailed to all board members in January. Ann reported that the Winter newsletter will go to print in the next day.
6. Old Business:
 - a. Bridge update-Mary Ritchie will call Kevin Haley to get an update for the current newsletter on all Lake Park bridge construction projects.
 - b. Waterfall Ravine Update – Phil Schultz reported that there will be a nice circular overlook with pavers. A pump will recirculate water about halfway down so that water will always be flowing and will get electric power to run the pump from the Service Shed. Budget is \$128,000 including \$10,000 to go into a reserved fund for future maintenance. There's a \$10,000 gift coming for a lower rain garden and open pond. However, in going through the budget it was realized there is not money left for stormwater tech storage at the top and we're not sure of the shortfall. Kevin Haley is investigating some pro bono work. Firm deadline for completion of the entire project is June 26 (Dedication date). Without storage tanks, Dennis Buettner is concerned about a large amount of water flowing from the golf course over the sidewalk and around the overlook and creating erosion. Phil said we're relying on the county engineer's work on storm water flow in that area. He recommends that we proceed. Dennis said to go to county engineer and ask that they retain as much as we can on the golf course or enlarge the storage tanks at the top to deal with large water flow.
 - c. Performance Structure Update – Tom Cheney reported that we are inching forward slowly. He showed renderings of the proposed structure. Right now LaDallman is looking for something to cover the structure while allowing it to be translucent, possibly a canvas not to be removed seasonally. \$50,000 is the cost estimate for structure and foundation given to us by Mario Costantini, La Lune furniture designer. Second quote was given by boat builder Nass who does not see any problems with fabricating the original design. His estimate was \$65,000. Mary Ritchie made a motion that we pay a second installment of \$2,500 to La Dallman and ask that they give us a schedule on how to meet our deadline and that they

finalize the pricing within 30 days. Phil Schultz seconded and the motion passed. Phil asked that Anne Booth begin the process of obtaining donor funds.

6. New Business

- a. Susanna Mortara met with the county park playground rep, Mike Raap, and reported that Lake Park is a class 1 playground and is about 16 years old. In 2011-12 Lake Park will be up for repairs. The county has bond money to fix the playground. For a class 1 playground, the cost that the county will spend for repairs is \$347,000. LPF could contribute monies to enhance the playground either in structure + equipment or in rubberized floor material. Whatever LPF can raise will be above and beyond to allow us to have more features. Susanna will be forming a playground committee and will find out what the \$347,000 playground features are.
- b. AmeriCorps position – Tom Cheney reported that Molly Lundberg has been hired and is already working in the park to coordinate teams of students from MATC and UWM to do conservation projects in the park for 6 months. Tom would like to have her come and give a public presentation and Brian Hansen said he would ask the Nature committee to organize it.
- c. Conservator of the Year will be awarded at our annual meeting on May 25. The board members present asked that the Executive Committee, which will be meeting in April, consider Gil Walter as this year's recipient.
- d. Staircase Planting – Dennis Buettner brought his landscape plans for redoing the Grand Staircase. He tried to use native plantings and horticulture selections (to ensure smaller size) in his design. A local contractor gave a preliminary estimate of \$9,500. Dennis also met with Sue Forlenza to talk about clearing vistas to the lake. Some clearing has already been done, but more could be done. And, Dennis also created a landscape plan for Newberry Blvd. He is forwarding the plan to Sue Forlenza to see if it can be installed this spring. BG mentioned that the split rail fence along the path near the pavilion needs replacement. BG will contact Sue Black regarding getting the money from the Bartolotta fund to finance the Grand Staircase planting and replacement of the split rail fence.
- e. Annual Meeting-Mary Ritchie and Tom Cheney will work together to organize the May 25th event.

Brian Hansen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m., Dave O'Brien seconded and the motion passed.

Next meeting is the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Upcoming Events:

March 27 Nature Program "Urban Aquaculture" Jon Bales, LPF member and co-founder 1 p.m. MCCR
April 13 Thank You Gathering 5:30-7:30 p.m. Lake Park Bistro (invited only)
April 17 Great American Clean Up & Lake Park Clean Up 9-12
April 17 Warbler Walks Begin every Sat. 8:30-10 a.m.
April 22 Earth Day
April 24 Weed Outs begin 9-12
April 24 Historic Trees Walk time and place TBD
April 30 Arbor Day
April 27 Executive Committee Meeting 7 p.m. MCCR
May 25 Annual Meeting 5:30-8 p.m. MCCR