

## FRIENDS OF SPY POND PARK MEETING

JUNE 8, 2008

In attendance: Eric Baatz, Eric Berger, Karen Grossman, Elizabeth Karpati.

The **minutes** of the previous meeting were accepted after the following correction and updates:

- FSPP will have a booth at each of the canoe days (not just the first and last) but activities like a scavenger hunt will depend on the availability of volunteers and the weather.
- Sand for the playground was spread as well as delivered by DPW.
- Agnes rather than Eric will buy leaf rakes for cleanups.

**Treasurer's report:** The checking account will be \$7441.44 after the latest checks clear, plus \$60-odd in dues received but not yet processed. The CD stands at \$1973.06.

### **Park Maintenance and Beautification:**

- Two small trees have been planted in one of the beds along the shore.
- Betsy Leondar-Wright has expressed concern that too much pruning has been done in some spots, possibly leading to a danger of erosion.
- Karen will ask Bill Eykamp to go after the grass growing between the cobblestones.
- Eric Berger offered to buy a weed trimmer for trimming the grass that mowers can't reach, e.g. along the fences, if FSPP would pay half the cost (about \$30). It was so voted.
- The next canoe rental day is July 6. Members will be asked to come and clean up and weed as well as canoe. About 8 people did this at the June 1 event, and Betsy did her puzzles for the children.
- The coyote has not yet been put up because the pins to hold it in the sockets were lost when vandals threw it in the water. *[It was up by July 6.]*
- Two items to be brought up at the June meeting of Park & Rec: Kate Thompson's suggestions for shrubs that could be planted, and what to do about the muddy edge of Linwood beach.
- Joe Connelly is trying to meet in the park with Heimlich and DPW on the condition of the path and how it needs to be maintained.
- Adrienne Landry reported that the condos will have surplus daylilies. We should ask Kate Thompson where they could be planted in the park.
- The question was raised whether anybody is maintaining the island at the end of Linwood.
- The Friends of Parks fund has received about \$400 in contributions, some earmarked. The next meeting of the group will be in late summer.

### **Miscellaneous:**

- **Town Day** will be Sept 20, 10 am – 3 pm. Kathy Modigliani (781-643-0766) is in charge. → Volunteers are needed for set-up (about 8 am), to staff the booth 10 – 3, and for take-down after 3 – please call Kathy! ←
- **Newsletter:** Put the next issue together in August, to be ready for Town Day.
- **Website:** Fred has posted the Friends of Parks brochure and is posting the minutes. He is also exploring how to handle the database most efficiently.

**Next meeting:** *(Please note change)* Sunday, August 10, 2008, 7 p.m., 32 Hamilton Road 402.

Respectfully submitted, Elizabeth Karpati