

FRIENDS OF SPY POND PARK MEETING AUGUST 10, 2008

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

The **minutes** of the previous meeting were accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report (by e-mail): The checking account stands at \$9341.44 with a few T-shirt sales not yet recorded. The CD stands at \$1980.40.

Maintenance and Beautification;

- The coyote has disappeared again.
- No word yet from Joe Connelly about the proposal to the Con Com for adding sand and plantings to Linwood Beach.
- Karen is waiting to hear from the DPW about the proposal to adjust the grade of the paths to the stone steps to prevent puddling in front of the steps.
- Karen will ask Jimmy Dodge about removing two dead or almost dead trees.
- One of the granite posts at the boat ramp is down again. They may be knocked down by vehicles turning around – maybe they need to be moved.
- The playground is closed due to an infestation by sand wasps, which has happened before. Karen will ask Joe Connelly if the sand could be changed to bark mulch to discourage the wasps.
- The irrigation system has finally been repaired after a needed part was obtained.
- Everything is growing exuberantly because of the rainy weather. More pruning and weeding are needed in spite of the work done on the two canoe/kayak days, which yielded 22 bags of weeds and prunings (but little trash).
- Karen moved that we investigate hiring a teenager to do weeding under supervision, and scooping goose poop, offering \$15 an hour, and it was so voted.

Other:

- **Park events:** At the two canoe/kayak days, about 8 to 12 volunteers did cleanup. On both days the FSPP tent was up for handing out information and selling T-shirts, and Anne Ellinger did face painting. Kathy Modigliani is hoping to do birchbark canoe building on Sept. 14.
- Anne Ellinger is proposing to have a **mural** of Spy Pond painted on the back of her garage, which is visible from the Walgreen's parking lot, with a box for FSPP brochures next to it.. She has a sketch from the artist, which looks very good. The mural would cost \$5,500. Anne would do fundraising, mostly from businesses, and is asking FSPP for two things: (1) to serve as the fiscal agent, i.e. the nonprofit through which tax-deductible contributions could be made, and (2) to be the lead sponsor with a contribution of \$1000. We voted yes on the first request and \$500 on the second.
- Items for the next newsletter are almost all in. [It is done and was mailed on 8/26.]

Next meeting: 7 p.m. Sunday, September 7, 2008, 32 Hamilton Road #402.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Karpati