

FRIENDS OF SPY POND PARK  
Meeting Minutes - August 7, 2011

The meeting was held at the home of Karen Grossman, 32 Hamilton Road, Arlington at 7:30 p.m. The later time accommodated volunteers who had assisted with the second Shakespeare in the Park, scheduled for Robbins Farm Park and, due to rain, held at the Arlington Center for the Arts.

**In attendance:** Karen Grossman, President; Doris Birmingham; Sally Hempstead; Elizabeth Karpati; Marshall McCloskey; and Bev Williams.

**Minutes** of June 5, 2011 were accepted as circulated.

**Treasurer's report:** Dues received-YTD \$1250, Donations-YTD \$1186, T-shirt sales-YTD \$107, CD Balance-\$3009.96, Checking account balance-\$9504.84. The other asset we have is a full inventory of T-shirts, now worth over \$700 at cost.

Karen will send a general e-mail reminder re: dues. Members may send in a check or give on the Internet through Network for Good, thanks to our Webmaster, Fred Moses.

**Special fund drive:** Doris moved, and Sally seconded the motion that we send a regular mailing fundraiser notice at the end of 2011, at which time we hope that we will have an estimate for cost of re-grading the handicap ramp and path. Cost to be included in letter. PASSED.

**Beautification committee:** Bulletin board still not up. Is it time to advertise the job again? Karen will contact Andrew Fischer again. Four students from "Climate Summer", biking across the state, spent an entire morning during the week after the last Work Day, clearing invasive plants from the park. Elizabeth, Doris, and Gail McCormick worked with them.

**August Work Day:** 20<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 1pm. No groups have volunteered to date; negotiations continue.

**Poison ivy** was sprayed by DPW, but dead plants were not removed and have returned to the soil. Doris will ask Gail to contact DPW.

**The new tree** by the playground: Gail and Wally Williams are watering it.

**Path erosion:** Karen is still trying to get Heimlich to give us an estimate of re-grading and repairing the handicapped ramp. (See fund raising item above.)

**Rain garden:** will be planted in the fall.

**Outreach committee:**

**Shakespeare at Spy Pond Field** was successful and attended by approx. 200 people. Support by FSPP members was excellent.

**Fun Day on September 10:** Betsy has many activities planned and we are attempting to coordinate with the celebration of Elizabeth Island.

**Town Day Booth:** Sally is organizing the booth and soliciting volunteers.

Respectfully submitted, Beverly Williams