

FRIENDS OF SPY POND PARK MEETING

SEPTEMBER 24, 2006

In attendance: Frances Cameron, Sarah Conn, Karen Grossman, Elizabeth Karpati, John Mueller (minister of Calvary Church at corner of Linwood St.), Ellen Robertson.

Minutes: The minutes of the August meeting were approved as presented.

Financial Report:

- The checking account balance is \$8599, not including a few recent receipts and expenses. The biggest expense lately (included) was \$656 for the newsletter and postage. The CD is over \$1000 and matures in February. It isn't earning much interest, so we should look for one that offers a better rate, possibly from an on-line bank. To be discussed at the October meeting.
- We are still in need of a treasurer!
- Report for the state Dept. of Public Charities: Karen's accountant has it for review.
- Sarah will check on possibilities of another grant and whether it could be used for maintenance.

Park maintenance:

- Joe Connelly (Park & Rec) is still waiting to hear from Heimlich and CRJ on the cost of an irrigation system. Karen will check with him again.
- Karen, Ellen, and Elizabeth met with Clarissa Rowe and Maryanna Foskett of the Friends of Menotomy Rocks Park to get their ideas. FMRP has a membership of about 200 households and many committees, i.e. many active members. We have a long mailing list but few are active. They suggested recruiting from park users by talking to people in the park.
- We assigned liaison responsibilities so that Town entities shouldn't get multiple calls about the same problem: Park & Rec – Karen; Police – Ellen; DPW – Elizabeth.

Beautification:

- Bulb planting date is Saturday, October 14 (rain date 10/28), 10 a.m. – noon. This is an opportunity to talk to people in the park and publicize FSPP. David White of the Con Com has the tools we bought with the grant money. Sarah and Ellen will meet with Mark Hruby about planting in the strip along Pond Lane. Publicity: signs (Sarah & Ellen), cable "bulletin board," article in the *Advocate*.
- We now have a plastic coyote, with a chain with a combination lock. Cost was \$116 + \$42. It was moved and voted to spend on it whatever is necessary above what was donated by Marilyn Hepner's friends. The coyote will be put at the water's edge out of view of the land (and vandals) and moved periodically. Marilyn's friends will be invited to the dedication.
- Police are seeking restitution from the vandal who wrecked the bulletin board near the boat ramp. Karen will ask Joe Connelly about getting a temporary board until permanent repairs are made.
- Andrew Fischer has built a bulletin board which needs to be put up. Sarah will ask Betsy to contact him about it.

Outreach:

- Sam Sulahian, the slush vendor, never got the T-shirts to sell. He is now going into the park less often because it is less profitable; he'll return the extra brochures he has.
- We need to think about events we can do in the park. FMRP has a big Earth Day event every other year – we could do one in their "off" years. We need an events committee: perhaps Anne Ellinger would be willing to head it. Topic for annual meeting.

Town Day:

- Frances reported that we had 10 volunteers at the booth and made \$150 on T-shirt sales.
- Supplies (canopy, etc.) were stored all over town by different people and some were hard to find; we need to make a list of where everything is kept.
- Eric Baatz was especially helpful this year. Kathy and Rafe will be in charge next year.

Website: Karen will ask Fred or Eric to link it to the Town website.