

FRIENDS OF SPY POND PARK MEETING

August 19, 2007

In attendance: Sarah Conn, Karen Grossman, Gail Neff, DP Powell, Ellen Robertson.

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

Treasurer's report: The CD stands at \$1904.00, the checking account at \$8285.25. Dues of \$260 since July from 10 households and one individual (all renewals); donations of \$145 from four people.

T-shirts:

- 200 received from Silkscreen Printing on July 27 with the following problems: (1) 33 were defective (e.g. misprinted); (2) 10 were the wrong size (L instead of XL or XXL).
- The total bill is higher than the amount previously voted for the T-shirts. It was voted to pay the higher bill if the problems are satisfactorily resolved; but if they are not resolved, we want the color separation films and want the setup fee refunded as previously agreed. The total disputed amount including refund is #619.50. Karen returned the problem shirts and wrote a letter to the company.
- It was suggested that we charge \$10 to members and \$12 to nonmembers for the new shirts since they are thinner than the old ones.
- We need a volunteer to store the T-shirts and keep track of inventory. *[Eric has volunteered.]*

Vandalism of trees:

- Two new trees near the playground have been stripped of their bark. This may be connected with an incident in which police were notified about noise in the park after hours and dispersed the noise-makers, but they came back later and the police did not.
- Police need to be notified as an incident is happening so that they can catch troublemakers in the act. Ellen is trying to get them to monitor the park better, but they are understaffed. Park hours need to be posted prominently and enforced.
- Karen informed Joe Connelly about the vandalism. DPW will replace the trees.
- Someone brought two chairs to the park and left them near Linwood Street. It was agreed that they can be left there.

Weeding and mulching:

- Spring is the best time for mulching according to Jimmy Dodge (DPW). Volunteers will be needed to pull any weeds before mulching.
- This year weeding was done on several Thursday and Saturday mornings. Volunteers included Sarah, Agnes, Eric, DP, Elizabeth, Adrienne Landry, and Donna Sharff.
- Grass growing between the cobblestones edging the path should be removed. The path needs annual maintenance: raking and adding aggregate on top where needed.
- If the area by the playground fence is to be planted with daylilies, it will need a lot of preparation – who will do it? Ellen will get quotes.
- The Town should be asked about adding sand to the beach (it put sand in the playground).

Upcoming Activities, etc.:

- Monthly presence in the park: 3 – 5 p.m. Saturday, August 25.
- Town Day, Saturday, September 8: volunteers for the FSPP booth should call Cathy Modigliani, 781-643-0766.
- Newsletter: John Gearin is trying to get the next issue out by Town Day.
- Bulletin board: Eric Baatz and Andrew Fischer put it up inside the playground fence. One side is for FSPP information (Betsy and Anne are in charge), the other is for the community.
- Website: Fred Moses has been working on transferring the database to the website.

Next meeting: Sunday, September 16, 2007, 7:00 p.m., 32 Hamilton Road, # 402.

Minutes by Elizabeth Karpati from notes by Sarah Conn and Ellen Robertson.