

Friends of Spy Pond Park Meeting Minutes 7/11/10

In Attendance: Karen Grossman, Eric Berger, Elizabeth Karpati, Greg Watt, Seth Bothos, Lally Stowell, Doris Birmingham, Jane Whitmore, Gail McCormick, Fred Moses, Betsy Leondar-Wright

Treasurer's Report:

- CD balance: \$2039 and checking account balances: \$9800
- Karen will ask Jeff Thielman about by-laws regarding tax exempt status for MA
- We will wait until after the September festival to file for grant reimbursement from ACC so that those expenses can be included as well. \$200 of the grant remain.

Park Maintenance and Beautification:

- Communication with Carol Johnson- Terry Driscoll, the supplier and Jim Hubbs, the manufacturer, will donate and arrange for Heimlich to install StayLok to remedy erosion on Linwood walk down (2 Tons) and use as a demonstration site. Teresa Hodge, Sr. Architect with CRJ Associates will donate drawings for re-grading the park and moving the trash barrel at the top of the handicapped ramp.
- Dan Warren will present StaLok sample to DPW bosses for approval of use at Linwood Circle.
- Gail McCormick will facilitate donation of pea gravel to the Town DPW.
- Members expressed concern about poison ivy and how to deal with it. Discussed finding someone who could pull the poison ivy. Volunteers are keeping up with false indigo. Linwood bed rose bushes are hidden by taller growth.

Website:

- Marshall McCloskey has kept the database updated with entries from Work Day involvements and dues payments
- Fred will begin to enhance the website with photos during the next two months

Fall newsletter:

- August 14 is the deadline for September 11 distribution.

Outreach:

- Jacki Katzman has emailed Unitarian Universalist youth group to solicit their involvement in our Work Days for September
- The activities in the Park with ACC grant were a wonderful success!
- Seth Botos proposed an arts and music event in the Park on September 11. He would arrange for multiple bands and art booths and is looking for the support of FSPP, and the members supported the effort.
- Greg will contact Margaret Barrett who has volunteered to make phone calls to solicit people to sit at the booth for Town Day.
- No new information on gas motors on Spy Pond
- Karen will ask for someone to chair a fund raising campaign to help finance efforts to curb path erosion throughout the park.

Next meeting: September 12, 2010, 7 p.m. 32 Hamilton Road #402, Arlington, MA

Submitted by Greg Watt