

FRIENDS OF SPY POND PARK
Minutes of February 17, 2013

The meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Karen Grossman. In attendance: Karen Grossman, President; Lally Stowell, Jason Fligg, Erin Fligg, Marshall McCloskey, Sally Hempstead, Bev Williams. Although recent snowstorms have kept us out of the park, we have enjoyed the views from the bike path.

MINUTES from December 2, 2012 annual meeting were reviewed. Karen will add: Goals for 2013, Treasurer's Report, and report of the Beautification Committee before posting on FSPP website. With these additions, the minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Karen thanked Marshall for adding this significant task to his website duties. He noted that \$1095 in donations came in at the end of 2012, but Network for Good notified us in 2013. Marshall has sent acknowledgement letters to these donors for their 2012 gifts.

Checking account - \$13,653

CD \$3,016 (expires in June; Marshall will investigate CDs that may make more interest, although it is difficult for organizations to get a good rate.) 117 people paid dues in 2012. Public Charities report, annual report and tax forms have been submitted for 2012.

DATABASE up to date as of 1/15/13.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE: Lally reported that the committee met on January 30 at the home of Gail McCormick to suggest Work Days and to divide up tasks for those days. She reported that calling lists are being assembled and that she hopes to have pictures for each planting bed, marking both invasive and other plants to make i.d. easier.

WORK DAY schedule proposed and APPROVED:

April 20 - BU Global Day of Service and a local print shop

May 11 - Verizon

June 8

July 13 (10am to 1 pm) Making a Difference

August 17 (10am to 1 pm)

September 7 - Family Fun Day

October 5

Karen will keep a vigilant eye on the embankments and alert the town of erosion and the need to clean the storm drains. Bags are to be left on the gravel parking lot. NO heavy bags to be put into containers in the park.

SHED: Jason checked on the shed two days after the big snowstorm and the town trucks had plowed in the shed and pushed in the doors. He forwarded pictures to Karen, who will notify both the Parks Department and Public Works Department. He and Marshall offered to shovel out the shed.

WEBSITE: Our thanks to Fred Moses, who uploaded many excellent pictures on FSPP website.

OUTREACH: Jacki Katzman will post the 2013 Work Days on the various sites that she uses to publicize the park.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT: Jason will ask ACMI if they will use the puppet PSA for our publicity.

MURAL on Boys and Girls Club was dedicated on December 9, 2012. Karen ably represented the park. Thanks to all who contributed toward the mural.

OPEN EYES video - Karen will notify of Work Days.

Sally and Karen will work on LIBRARY DISPLAY for March. Sally recommended that we purchase a new, larger display board that includes a carrying case. Cost - about \$209.

PASSED.

Marshall volunteered to be in charge of a March 23 display at ECO-FEST.

NEWSLETTER: Sally is keeping the archives up to date.

Kudos go to Sally, Jamie, and Karen for the excellent Winter Newsletter and thanks to all who contributed pictures and articles.

DEADLINE for spring newsletter will be March 28th.

Karen noted that since April Sundays are not feasible for her, the NEXT MEETING will be on Sunday, May 5, 2013, at her home.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Beverly E. Williams, Secretary