

FRIENDS OF SPY POND PARK

MEETING MINUTES

March 14, 2021

Virtual Meeting times are still in place, our meeting was conducted via Zoom. Karen Grossman, President, started the Zoom meeting at 7 p.m. after giving everyone invited (anyone on our MailChimp list) a chance to sign in.

1 INTRODUCTIONS: Name, where you live and what you've enjoyed at the park lately.

- Karen Grossman – has not been in the park lately.
- Lally Stowell – has been down several times recently.
- Jenny Aurielle Babon – lives nearby and goes often to the park.
- Colin Blair – wishes that there will be in person FSPP meetings within this year.
- Adrienne Landry – pleased that not very much green grass and unwanted plants are there so far.
- Mithilesh Sharma – loves the park and enjoys walking and clicking the birds and sunsets.
- Marshall McCloskey – pleasant surprise, feeling better and joined the meeting.

2 JANUARY 10 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES: The minutes were accepted as presented.

3 TREASURER'S REPORT:

Karen L. Grossman presented the Treasurer's Report, Joanie recently back filed annual reports for 2019-2021. All set until 2022. Joanie will file Form 990 by 5/31/21. She will also file Form PC by 5/15/2021. Kevin Wall has resigned so Karen has posted the Treasurer's position on the MA Society of CPAs website and with volunteermatch.org.

Checkbook balance Dec. 31, 2020	\$25,915.62	Expenses:	
Contributions from 2020 NFG	\$502.00	Printing 1/5/21	\$185.00
Contributions from 2020 2/9/21	\$2,075.00	Bulletin Board 3/11	(\$518.00)
Contributions NFG 2/9 & 2/16	\$40.00	Postage processing 3/11	(\$ 69.99)
Contributions 2021	\$335.00	Workday expenses 3/11	(\$ 96.74)
Total Checking Account	\$ 28,682.27	Total Outstanding	\$ 684.73

4 BEAUTIFICATION:

Anne Ellinger is doing a good job maintaining the bulletin board postings

Lally Stowell & Adrienne Landry plan to work on guidelines for volunteer participation and group size, getting permits. The proposed calendar for 2021 will be as following:

- April 10, 9-11 a.m. (rain date April 11, 1-3 p.m.) not advertised-Public Art and Community Engagement
- May 15, 9-11 a.m. (rain date May 16, 1-3 p.m.)
- June 12, 9-11 a.m. (rain date June 13, 1-3 p.m.)
- July 10, 8-10 a.m. (rain date July 11, 1-3 p.m.)
- Aug. 14, 8-10 a.m. (rain date Aug. 15, 1-3 p.m.)
- Sept. 11, 9-11 a.m. (rain date Sept.12, 1-3 p.m.)
- Oct. 16, 9-11 a.m. (rain date Oct. 17, 1-3 p.m.)
- Fun Day Sept. 25, 10-1 p.m. (rain date Sept. 26 1-4 p.m.)

Karen reported that a park bench replacement was approved funded by \$500 from Bithika Khargharia and family in honor of Soroj Khargharia, Bithika's mother, and \$1500 from the FSPP with the agreement that FSPP will maintain the bench for 8 years after installation. The Park Commissioners have requested modified wording on the attribution plaque upon the family's approval.

5 WEBSITE:

Daniel Jalkut continues database management, information entry, email generation and acknowledgements. Julie McBride continues updating postings for activities and Workdays.

Fred Moses has not migrated from old website to the new one, waiting until after Kevin acknowledges the 2020 end-of-year contributions. Karen has contacted him several times in this regard since tax season is here and people need acknowledgements for their tax records.

6 OUTREACH:

Jenny Babon has rechecked the publicity contact list, made updates. She will post park activities after May 1

Betsy Leondar-Wright would like to have Fun Day as in previous years, if possible, but will discuss the logistics with Joe Connelly, Park and Recreation Director.

Robbins Library display is scheduled for April. Sally Hempstead has resigned her position due to increased family obligations. Karen has done outreach through Mailchimp to solicit a volunteer for this position.

7 COMMUNICATIONS:

FSPP Winter/Spring 2021 Newsletter will be published soon since Karen has collected all content to submit to Jamie Ciocco for layout. Deadline for the Summer 2021 Newsletter will be June 15.

8 OTHER BUSINESS & NEXT MEETING DATE: May 2, 2021, 7 PM via Zoom

Respectfully submitted by
Mithilesh Sharma for Marshall McCloskey,
Recording Secretary