

**FRIENDS OF SPY POND PARK  
MEETING MINUTES**

**May 2, 2021**

Zoom Meeting began at 7 pm

**INTRODUCTIONS:**

**Attendees**

**Karen Grossman** -lives on the pond, has been there often lately to fill the boxes with FSPP brochures; park has been glorious in the spring with the blooms, did notice some litter

**Peter Fuller** – not been in the park much lately and enjoys looking down on the park while riding his bike on the bike path and seeing the water

**Adrienne Landry** -has been at the park a lot recently, 2 hours this morning clearing away invasive plants in third bed (not putting them in- correction)

**Julie McBride** – has been in the park a lot in the last month meeting with Lally and Adrienne, doing cleanup; likes seeing the boats out and people enjoying the spring. Marshall McCloskey-had a nice walk with Sally through the park lately and had a nice visit with Sylvia Chase (member who lives near the Pond Lane entrance)

**Lally Stowell** – has also been in the park a lot, too keeping an eye on the 3<sup>rd</sup> bed; likes seeing the boats out and people enjoying the spring

The March 14 meeting minutes were accepted as reviewed with no additions or corrections: Thanks to Mithilesh Sharma who provided Karen with meeting notes to aid her in completing the 4/14/21 meeting minutes.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Karen L. Grossman

Report submitted as follows by Karen, Treasurer Pro Temp, still hoping to find a new Treasurer

- a status of PC filing, annual report and tax form- Joanie recently back filed annual reports for 2019-2021
- b Annual Report – due 11/1. This is very easy to complete. All set until 2022.
- c 990 – Joanie needs to file by 5/31/21
- d Form PC -Joanie needs to file by 5/15/21

**April 30 Treasurer’s Report:**

Checkbook balance March 15, 2021 \$28,682.97

**Income:**

Contributions 4/15 NFG	\$20.00
Contributions 3/19//21	\$165.00
Contributions 4/28/21	\$150.00
Total Revenue	\$335.00

**Checkbook Total** **\$28,227.96**

**Expenses:**

Printing 4/6/21	\$103.30
Bulletin Board 3/11	\$518.00
Postage & processing	\$ 69.09
Office Supplies	\$ 2.88
Workday Supplies	\$ 96.74
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$790.01</b>

Karen noted we get checks from Network for Good from two people, Heather Smith and Jess Leber who make \$10 monthly online contributions to FSPP via our agreement with NFG.

Solicitation for dues and donations is going out soon. Julie will help stuff envelopes after picking them up from Karen. Karen will compare amounts of contributions over the last 10 years to respond to questions from Adrienne Landry and Julie and others about understanding how our checking account balance has grown over the past 10 years: net income each year has accumulated over the ten years. For example, Total in our checking and our CD in 2010 was \$12,601 with a net income of \$1,008 from CD interest, dues, donations, t-shirt and sticker sales. Other years we had more net income than that. In the ten years we’ve accumulated \$13,314.62, even with our donations to the Park Department for benches, the swan sculpture, and \$5,000 to help with the path renovation costs. Karen thinks we should consider how we can best benefit the park, considering our current positive financial situation.

## **BEAUTIFICATION:**

Anne Ellinger posted the recent newsletter and cleaned up the boards, removing staples, etc. Lally noted no workday was held in April. Cecily Miller had hoped to get a group to pick up plastics for recycling. Whoever comes on the next Workday will take over this task and cleaning up the Linwood Beach area and the usual work on the cobblestones and park cleanup. AHS has signed up for the June Workday for which Karen and Lally have a system in place to ensure people receive community service credits. Lally has not heard back from the boy scouts about volunteering; if they come, it probably will be in the middle to late summer, perhaps with the PMD people.

Adrienne has been in touch with Rachel Oliveri, Arlington's Sustainability Coordinator in charge of the Green Team cleaning up the garlic mustard in the park and along the bikepath. They have been planting grass seed where they removed garlic mustard. Linda Clarke and Adrienne discovered many native plants also growing in the area. Adrienne got permission to plant 3 grow low fragrant sumac, a native deciduous plant that turns bright red in the fall. They need watering 2 time a week twice monthly to get established, and twice monthly thereafter. Adrienne talked to Joe Connelly about a water supply in the park. He said he thinks there is one there that he will locate. Adrienne has already purchased the plants and compost for approx. a total of \$154. Along with Linda Clarke and Seth, she is hoping to get some help on a Workday to plant them. Arlene Sager, resident at Hamilton Road, donated \$50 toward the cost. Adrienne expressed again that "Please walk your bike" signs along the pervious path would be a very good idea. All concurred. Adrienne noted that she observed a wedding at the Linwood Beach area (Shades of Marshall and Sally's on September 17, 2015).

Karen talked to Jim Benn from the Arlington/Belmont Crew board who told her the crew would like to clean up the area behind and to the left of the FSPP shed and behind the Motor Mart that is no longer in business. He mentioned that the A/B Crew Team might want to move our shed to a different location. Karen noted to him that our shed was erected carefully following Town regulations. The A/B Crew Team would do the work and we would want to ensure that things were in accord with the Town requirements. The Town owns the land where the crew stores its boats and behind where the empty Motor Mart building is located.

In honor of  
**Soroj Khargharia**  
Love, Duty & Character Personified  
By Family and the Friends of Spy Pond Park

The park bench replacement plaque as worded above was approved by the Town with the bench to be paid with \$500 from Bithika Khargharia and family in honor of Soroj Khargharia and \$1500 from FSPP with the understanding that FSPP will maintain the bench for 8 years after installation.

## **WEBSITE:**

Fred has decided he won't be doing the total separation from his account. Julie has continued doing routine updates and is looking at networking some of the things on the website; she is looking to modernize it and making it more phone friendly

**PARK ACTIVITIES:** Betsy Leondar-Wright is hoping we can get the usual permits for having Fun Day in September

**COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH:** The Summer 2021 Newsletter deadline will be approx. June 15

**OTHER BUSINESS & NEXT MEETING DATE:** July 11 at 7 pm via Zoom.

Meeting ended at 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Marshall McCloskey,  
Recording Secretary

