

FRIENDS OF SPY POND PARK MEETING

JUNE 5, 2005

In attendance: Karen Grossman, Marilyn Hepner, Elizabeth Karpati, Betsy Leondar-Wright, Kathy Modigliani, Ellen Robertson.

Minutes: Elizabeth Karpati

Next meeting: Sunday, 8/21, 7 p.m. at Karen's, 12 Pond Lane.

Park renovations:

- The stonework and path are in place and look good. The path is pervious; the pavement will need resurfacing in about 10 years. Where grass was planted, the seed was mixed with path rush and cinquefoil, which should remain after the geese eat the grass.
- Heimlich will give the Town a management plan; we want a copy. Heimlich will also find out what the Town will provide. E.g., 6 sprinklers and 500 feet of hose will be needed to water the plantings; if the Town cannot provide these, FSPP could consider paying for them, but who would set them up and store them when not in use?
- Karen has talked to a Town official who will check the sand on the playground and fix it if necessary.
- People have already been making their way to fishing spots and have taken down some of the temporary fencing. The renovation committee will check about getting stronger fencing. In the fall, CRJ will inspect the park and say when the fencing can be removed. The Town may decide to install some protective fencing or ask Heimlich to leave existing fencing in place.
- The date of the opening celebration is to be decided at the 9/13 Park & Rec meeting.
- Enid's bench will cost less than the amount we raised for it.

Treasurer's Report:

- The previous balance was about \$7800 including the money for Enid's bench and a CD for about \$1700. New receipts include \$910 deposited plus about 25 more checks. Karen will check whether there is a limit on how much a nonprofit can keep on hand (unspent). We should spend something on park maintenance and on the opening celebration.

Vision 2020 report:

- The Spy Pond Committee will let FSPP take the lead on the opening celebration but wants to help.
- The Town Manager has agreed to use contingency funds for weed treatment so that it can be done at the proper time in the weeds' life cycle, before Town Meeting can get around to voting the funds. Treatment is scheduled for 6/10.
- The Spy Pond Committee had a successful work weekend on 5/14-15 on the path along Rt. 2. With the help and supervision of the Appalachian Mountain Club trail crew three sets of steps were built for fishermen to reach the water without wearing trails that tend to erode. A lot of invasive plants such as ailanthus, bittersweet, garlic mustard, and some Norway maples were removed (though a lot are still left), and a lot of trash was picked up on both sides of the fence.

Other matters:

- The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted with corrections.
- Website: We discussed whether to try to get an intern to work on it or could/would a member do it? We decided to stay connected to the Vision 2020 website rather than try to get an independent site.
- Newsletter: Karen will check with John Gearin, who couldn't attend the meeting.
- Corresponding secretary: This position is still open.
- Beautification: Sarah Conn and Ellen are collecting information on what tools to buy.
- A phone committee is needed, e.g. for reminder calls about meetings. E-mail reminders are easier but we don't have e-mail addresses for some members. They should be called and asked for an e-mail address, and a phone tree set up for those without e-mail. Kathy and Ellen will work on this and try to recruit a third person.
- Volunteers for projects: Nobody is signing up for projects on the membership form. People need to be asked directly for specific projects. We should have a list of projects and recruit people at the park opening ceremony.
- New faces: Follow-through is needed when someone new comes to a meeting like Bill Kaplan in April. Karen will try to call him.