

## **FRIENDS OF SPY POND PARK MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 3, 2008**

**In attendance:** Eric Baatz, Eric Berger, Paige Frost, Karen Grossman, Elizabeth Karpati, DP Powell

The **minutes** of the previous meeting were accepted as presented.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- The checking account stands at \$8753.24, the CD at \$1953.77. There is also \$35 in cash.
- There is no bulk mailing permit yet; once we get one, work on the newsletter will have to start about a week earlier than now because bulk mailing takes longer.

### **Maintenance and beautification:**

- Sarah Conn has resigned as Beautification chair. Gail McCormick should get a copy of the application for NEGEF grants [*done*] and of the completed application for the previous grant.
- Karen and several other members met with DPW Director John Bean. DPW does trash pickup, mowing, and filtration flushing. There is no money for other maintenance in the 2008-09 DPW budget; Mr. Bean will consider asking for some in the 2009-10 budget.
- Mr. Bean wants a list of what else we think needs to be done in the park this year, then he'll let us know what he can and can't do. Agnes and Ellen will work on the list.
- Lawn maintenance funds from what was left over from the renovations will run out by July. Park & Rec got a bid for \$13,000 for it and for weeding, mulching, pruning, and path maintenance.
- We had previously voted \$2,500 for stopgap maintenance but this money has not been spent. Karen moved and it was voted to roll it over for possible use in 2008.
- We also have \$300 from Peggy Fenner in memory of her mother. This should be used for some visible project, e.g. plantings, unless Peggy OK's using it for maintenance. Karen will ask her.
- The Friends of Parks umbrella group is planning a solicitation, possibly in March, for funds that can be earmarked for a specific park or given for parks in general.

### **Cleanup and other park activities:**

- Paige was originally interested in organizing mothers to donate toys to be kept at the park, but is willing to organize a cleanup instead.
- We have considered April 26 for a cleanup date, but maybe we should weed and cut down dead vegetation first and then have a trash cleanup.

### **Other:**

- Website: Fred is working on a way for members to make address changes by e-mail.
- Newsletter: Eric Berger is collecting content for the next issue, wants it by mid-March.
- Newsletter and minutes could be put on the website.
- Having meetings in the afternoon rather than evening, at least in winter, was considered. Feedback from other members needs to be collected before making a decision.

**NEXT MEETING:** 7:00 p.m. Sunday, March 30, 32 Hamilton Road, #402.

Respectfully submitted, Elizabeth Karpati