

Friends of Spy Pond Park Meeting Minutes: 9/12/10

In Attendance: Karen Grossman, Eric Berger, Elizabeth Karpati, Greg Watt, Lally Stowell, Fred Moses, and Betsy Leondar-Wright

Meeting Minutes approved for May and July meetings.

Treasurer's Report:

- Revenue YTD = \$3596. T-Shirt sales YTD = \$349. Expenses YTD = \$3146
- Proceeds from the Music & Art Festival were: \$108-T-Shirt, Memberships-\$40, donations-\$295.25 = 443.25 raised in total.
- Motion made and passed that we ask for \$1 donation whenever FSPP sponsors art projects which cost FSPP money to coordinate.
- Work continues attempting to secure tax exempt status with MA.
- Karen will submit receipts to ACC for reimbursement.
- Fred will research financial accounting software

Park Maintenance and Beautification:

- Gail, Doris and Karen met with Terry Driscoll - the supplier of the material used for the pathway. He proposed using StaLok to build up the handicap ramp. Jim Hubbs would deliver the materials and pay for Heimlich's installation of StaLok at Linwood Circle. They would provide 3 tons of the material for that location, possibly leaving an extra ton of StaLok to use on the handicap ramp. The handicap ramp would require 2 tons of StaLok, and the materials would cost \$2700 for that repair. Karen requested an estimate for installation and re-grading. The area near the handicap ramp needs to be re-graded prior to installation of StaLok. Karen will attend the Parks Commissioner meeting on 9/14/10 to present to proposal. Elizabeth will attend the Conservation Commission meeting on 9/16/10 with Teresa Hodge of CRJA.
- Elizabeth found Black Swallow Wort and Japanese Knotweed in the bed to the right of the boat ramp. Poison ivy is in bed #2 (1st bed to the right of the beach) as well as by where the big willow fell during the spring storm. Elizabeth will ask the Conservation Committee about who could remove the poison ivy.
- Gail reports good progress in removing the false indigo and honeysuckle.
- Karen noticed that the shrub willow in Bed #1 is crowding out the rose bushes and needs to be trimmed
- Continue grooming the playground on each work day.
- Lally has done a fantastic job putting together the FSPP Memory Scrapbook.

Outreach:

- Think about ways to engage dog walkers in FSPP. Discussed FSPP opinion that dogs should not be permitted to be off-leash in SPP.
- Discussed gas motors on Spy Pond and possibility of submitting a Warrant Article. Discussed issues of sound, smell, pollution, speed/ HP limits, and the creation of wakes and related erosion. Betsy will draft a letter to the Advocate and the Arlingtonlist, and she will send it to the FSPP for comment.
- Arlington Land Trust is seeking to fundraise over \$100K to pay for the purchase of Elizabeth Island. Discussed a FSPP contribution to the fund, but a decision was not made. A motion was made and passed to use the FSPP mailing list to support the Land Trust's initiative.

Fall Newsletter:

- Excellent newsletter Eric and Jamie!

New Business:

- Discussed possibility of planting several trees in and around the playground in order to provide shade.

Next meeting:

November 7, 2010, 7 p.m. 32 Hamilton Road #402, Arlington, MA

Submitted by Greg Watt