

FRIENDS OF SPY POND PARK
Minutes of October 7, 2012

IN ATTENDANCE: Karen Grossman, President; Elizabeth Karpati, Sally Hempstead, Bev Williams, and guest Adria Arch. Members have enjoyed the rain garden and the people of many cultures enjoying the park and the playground. CONCERNS that Karen will address: unleashed dogs in the park, labels for rain garden, erosion on the bike path by the parking lot after the summer microburst, poison ivy on the hill, and continued path erosion.

MINUTES of August 5 were approved as circulated.

TREASURER'S REPORT: CD - \$3,015 Checking account - \$12,158

Income YTD - \$4,022 Fun Day receipts - \$81

Town Day receipts - \$242

Expenses YTD include \$200+ for supplies and \$1,037 for printing. Details on file.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE: Marshall has repaired the roof of bulletin board near playground.

Last 2012 Work Day: October 13 - volunteers will transplant ferns, finish cutting invasive plants, and trim rose bushes at Linwood Circle. Calls to volunteers will be made this week. Second grade Girl Scout Daisies will be volunteering with their parents, too.

THANKS to the Arlington/Belmont Crew Team and People Making a Difference for their amazing efforts at the September 8 Work Day!

WEBSITE: Fred will post photos from this year, notice of the annual meeting, and the minutes of the last board meeting.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE:

Good publicity in the ADVOCATE and the PATCH, as well as list serves. Jacki made and Lally posted flyers for the September Fun Day.

Thanks to Betsy Leondar-Wright for organizing and the many volunteers she recruited, FUN DAY was a big success in spite of heavy wind and threatening rain. Betsy and Karen wrote thanks to all the volunteers and submitted an article and letter to the Editor that were published in the ADVOCATE. A teenager made a videotape of Fun Day; Karen will investigate to see if we can post a link on our website, depending on the quality of the final edited version.

Marshall reports that the database is up to date.

No Wake sign: Sally will check to see if it is up.

Karen will investigate getting the sign in list of visitors to Elizabeth Island for inclusion in our database.

Adria Arch from ARLINGTON PUBLIC ART told us the banner on the Boys and Girls Club is to be erected soon. She thanks FSPP for helping to publicize the need for funds. On Sunday, November 11, 2012 at 2 p.m. there will be a short, but festive opening celebration. Adria reminded us that the art represents our high school students and encouraged all to attend the celebration.

NEWSLETTER: The Fall issue looks great! We send many thanks to the outgoing Outreach Editor, Eric Berger, for his 5 years in that position. Sally Hempstead will take on this responsibility beginning with the winter 2013 issue. DEADLINE for articles will be December 7.

Karen encouraged us to support the following special events: People Making a Difference fundraiser dinner on October 15th, and the Mystic River Watershed Association's 40th anniversary celebration on October 25th.

NEXT MEETING will be the Annual Meeting held on Sunday, December 2 at the Jefferson Cutter House in Arlington Center.

5 p.m., potluck dinner; 6 p.m. Speaker - Michael Rademacher, Director of DPW, followed by the annual business meeting at 6:30 p.m. Volunteers will meet at Karen's home the afternoon of November 8 to prepare post card mailing that announces the annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly E. Williams, Secretary