

**MINUTES
FRIENDS OF SPY POND PARK
APRIL 26, 2015**

The meeting was held at the home of President, Karen Grossman.

PRESENT: Karen, Marshall McCloskey, Elizabeth Karpati, Sally Hempstead, Dick Norcross, Beverly Williams and Lally Stowell by phone. All present commented on the beauty of the park after the April 18th Work Day.

MINUTES of February 8 were approved as circulated.

TREASURER: Balance as of March 31 was \$19,803. Marshall will file the three forms to be submitted to MA by May 15th. He and Lally researched an investment possibility, but we would have to pay 4% to enter and receive a very small return. Consensus: leave the money in the bank for the present.

DUES: Karen's circulated drafts of solicitation letters to go to members and non-members. Date to do the mailing: Monday, May 4 at 1pm. We will use up stamps on hand and purchase a bulk mail permit for the May 2016 mailing.

PARK BEAUTIFICATION:

- Very successful Work Day: many volunteers and 70 filled lawn bags. Thanks to all who helped on April 18th, including BU's Day of Service, Arlington Newcomers "Meet Up" group, Give Back Time, Martial Arts, MIT service fraternity, VolunteerMatch.com, and FSPP volunteers. A/B Crew Team will come in May.
- Portable toilet needed cleaning. Bev will contact Town and company. Karen will make a bigger sign, noting location of the toilet, to be posted on the gate to playground.
- Shed made it through this winter without damage, thanks to barrier erected by the DPW.
- Enid Caldwell memorial bench has been replaced by donors and installed by DPW. Next newsletter will include a picture and a thank-you to the Town. We discussed the possibility of purchasing some new benches.
- Lally drew a map of the storm drain locations, which will be helpful for keeping them clear year round.

WEBSITE Fred Moses has updated the photo gallery with all the pictures from 2014. He will talk with volunteer Deepak Bidwai to discuss making the website mobile and pad friendly.

OUTREACH Elaine Crowder has posted to list serves and media for the Work Day May 23 and for Spy Pond Fun Day May 30.

Reception for "Elements: Art Rocks Spy Pond" 3-5 PM May 9 with artist talks at 3:30 PM. Karen encouraged us to look at the pieces with consideration of purchase of any for the park. FSPP display was at Robbins Library all of March. Feast of the East will be June 13, and Town Day, September 12. Marshall attended a meeting of the Arlington Parks Alliance, planning another fundraiser for Sept. 19. PEOPLE MAKING A DIFFERENCE will honor Spy Pond Park with Karen and Lally attending their annual gala on May 8.

SUMMER DEADLINE for newsletter will be June 15. Sally is always looking for writers.

NEXT MEETING - Sunday, June 7 at 7 PM at the home of Karen Grossman, 32 Hamilton Rd. #402.

Respectfully submitted, Beverly E. Williams, Secretary