

**FRIENDS OF SPY POND PARK
MINUTES OF MEETING
SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2019**

INTRODUCTIONS: The meeting was convened at 7:10 pm. Those present are encouraged to state their name, where they live and what they've enjoyed at the park lately.

- Karen Grossman, President, on her walks through the park noted that construction has started on the Spy Pond Edge and Erosion Control Project. The water level of the pond has been lowered, and the planting beds are blocked off. She also noted there seems to be a lot of broken glass along the shore.
- Joanie Walls, Treasurer, has been visiting the park while walking her dogs, picking up trash, and is glad to see lots of people enjoying the park.
- Lally Stowell, Coordinator of the Beautification Committee, remarked on how good the Linwood Beach area looks following the last couple of Work Day cleanup efforts.
- Sally Hempstead, Outreach and Communications Chair, enjoys the park every time she's there, and is happy to assist with park activities, excluding gardening, for which she feels she has little talent.
- Marshall McCloskey, Recording Secretary and Beautification Committee member took note of the beginning construction activity and looks forward to seeing the new pervious path.
- Julie McBride, Website Developer attending her first meeting, enjoyed working at the last Work Day, and is impressed with how children seem to enjoy the park.

APRIL 7, 2019 MEETING MINUTES ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS:

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Joanie Walls submitted an up-to-date Report:

Friends of Spy Pond Park		
Treasurer's Report Sunday June 2, 2019		
CD with Accrued Interest - 6/2/19	\$10,072.40	
Checking - Citizens 6/2/19	\$10,454.87	
Total	\$20,527.27	
Book balance 4/5/19	\$9,545.74	
2019 Donations/Dues (Nov Solicitation) - 1	40.00	23-April
2019 Donations/Dues (May Solicitation) -43	1,260.00	29-May
Miscellaneous Donations - May Work Day	27.00	cash 5-29
T-Shirt Sales	15.00	cash 5-29
Ice Business Booklet Sales	13.00	cash 5-29
Copies of Brochures & May Solicitation	(216.50)	
P.O. Box Renewal	(90.00)	
Annual Report 2018	(35.00)	
May solicitation NCOA & Label expenses	(74.37)	
Bank Service Charges	(5.00)	
Book Balance - 6/2/19	\$ 10,479.87	
Bank Balance - 6/2/19	\$ 10,454.87	
difference	\$ (25.00)	
Check dated 6/1 not yet deposited	25.00	

BEAUTIFICATION

Lally said that although no group was scheduled to come, about 15 people showed up at the May Work Day. Work concentrated on cleaning up the Linwood Beach area, which looks really good now. She mentioned that we apparently should have permission to do tree trimming, which might affect the outstanding work Dick Norcross usually engages in. She will check on branches left in the planting beds, but she thinks the construction people may take care of it. The June Work Day will be cancelled due to the ongoing construction. Karen asked if Lally could cross this out on the Work Day flyers she has access to, and that she (Karen) will also send out an email notice.

Lally is expecting Charles DiVirgilio's Martial Arts group to come to the July Work Day. He brought 10 volunteers along with ice cream to cap off the Work Day. People Making a Difference® is scheduled to come in the Fall, and maybe, also, the Arlington High Swim Team. There is currently no group scheduled to come for the August Work Day.

Colin Blair has volunteered to stand in for Lally at the July, and possibly August Work Days, to organize and direct activities. Lally said she might be able to also attend, hopefully, depending on how well she recovers from her hip replacement surgery on June 26. She doesn't anticipate any activity in the planting beds, because of the shoreline restoration project work.

Another point to be aware of: regulations indicate we are not supposed to dig holes in the park.

Karen will call Emily Sullivan about putting up signs explaining the project, and for staying out of the planting beds while it is in progress.

WEBSITE

Julie McBride has fixed the links that weren't working. Fred Moses has spoken with Julie about how to maintain the website. She will implement a photo gallery and may need to purchase some software to process the photos. She is not currently familiar enough with the history of the website to fix all problems which may exist.

Fred will implement database queries for interests and involvements.

OUTREACH

Jenny Babon now has access to our Facebook page, and has been adding some posts to it. Karen is hoping to enlist someone to take pictures of the Work Days for the Facebook page, as well as on Instagram and Twitter. Sally will contact Betsy Leondar-Wright re: plans for the upcoming Fun Day on September 21. Karen will contact Arlington Poet Laureate Cathie Desjardin again about writing a poem for the newsletter, possible subjects include the current renovation projects, wildlife, plant life, etc. Karen and Sally will prepare for the August Robbins Library display.

COMMUNICATIONS

Karen has been doing notices of the Work Days from the fsppinfo@gmail.com to the listserve provided by Elaine Crowder. There have been no problems with doing this so far.

NEW BUSINESS AND NEXT MEETING:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm. The next meeting will be:

July 28, 2019, 7 pm at Karen Grossman's condo, 32 Hamilton Road #402, Arlington, MA