

Lake Park Friends

Draft Minutes of the 21st Annual Meeting

Lake Park Pavilion-Marcia Coles Community Room
May 9th, 2017 7:00pm

1. Welcome and Introduction --Alice Wilson
Alice called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. She welcomed all members attending the Annual Meeting and thanked everyone for all the volunteer contributions to LPF in the past 12 months.
2. Approval of the minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting--Jeanne Prochnow
Jeanne Prochnow called the business portion of the meeting to order. She asked for approval of the minutes of the 2016 meeting following one correction of the spelling of Jock Mutschler's name. Buffy Duback moved acceptance of the minutes and Melissa Mooney seconded. The motion passed unopposed.
3. Election of Directors and Board Officers for 2017--Jeanne Prochnow
Jeanne introduced the new nominees for the board of directors and presented their biographical information. The three nominees are:
Jon Bales
Caroline Hogan
Nancy Morgan

Jeanne asked for motion to elect the slate. Tracy Lubber moved and Dolores Knopfelmacher seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

Directors continuing for a second two-yr. term:

Buffy Duback
Bill Haury
Barbara Johnson

Directors continuing for third two-yr. term:

Sue Bolly-Schlenker
Shirley Conlon
Jeanne Prochnow
Colleen Reilly

Directors Continuing:

Eileen Force Cahill
Gillian Gosman
Jason Jentsch
Melissa Mooney
Jock Mutschler

Election of Officers

President— Colleen Reilly
Vice President -Administration, Buffy Duback
Vice President- Development, Jock Mutschler
Vice President- Membership, Melissa Mooney
Secretary—Jeanne Prochnow
Treasurer—Sue Bolly-Schlenker

Jeanne asked for a motion to elect the slate. John Shank moved and Steve Morse seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

3. Financial Report—-Jock Mutschler

Jock provided an update of the status of the LPF finances. LPF ended the 2016 fiscal year on December 31 as follows:

-total assets	\$197,958
-total revenue	\$165,068
-total expenses	\$131,433

It was a strong year in fund raising with a record \$32,254 earned from the Cirque du Park event and \$29,317 from the Annual Appeal. Membership revenue received was \$23,500 and other donations accounted for the remainder of the 2016 revenue.

Musical Mondays and Wonderful Wednesdays accounted for \$22,000 in expenses and trees and landscaping accounted for \$23,000.

LPF has a sound financial foundation which allows us to promote the enjoyment of the park and sponsor educational, recreational events and cultural events in the park. Jock thanked the members and donors who help make LPF a strong partner in supporting this beautiful Olmsted park.

4. President's Report—Alice Wilson

Alice reviewed the highlights of the many activities of Lake Park Friends over the past year. The Nature and History Committees provided educational presentations, an old-time baseball game, wildflower, tree and history walks, reduction of invasives in the park and maintenance of the gardens and prairies for all to enjoy. The Recreation Committee had a successful youth tennis program last summer and the Musical Monday's and Wonderful Wednesday's musical programs continue to attract many attendees. The membership has begun a review of our membership process and the Development Committee organized a very successful Cirque Event and End of Year Appeal.

Alice reflected on having served 3 years as President of LPF during major changes within the park including the closure of Ravine Road, the Concrete Arch

Foot Bridge and the Rustic Wooden Bridge. She reminded us of the forward thinking of our past civic leaders in developing the park and retaining Frederick Law Olmsted to design a park with soaring vistas, natural land, waterfalls and passive and active recreational areas open to all.

LPF will continue to uphold its mission in making good faith recommendations to the Park Administration and civic leaders. The board of directors are engaging in an upcoming Strategic Planning Retreat to plan for the next chapter, to continue to maintain our current programs and respond to new challenges.

5. Presentation of the Conservator Award to Barbara Kellermann—-Dolores Knophelmacher

Dolores presented the Conservator Award to Barbara for outstanding service in removal of invasives and monitoring the blue bird trail. Barb has volunteered with the Wednesday Work Group for several years and also participates in the Weed Out activities. Within the past year, she was in park several days per week for removal of garlic mustard and burdock. She provides leadership in the birding activity in the park and truly is a steward of the mission of Lake Park Friends.

6. Recognition of Retiring Board Members- Alice Wilson/Jeanne Prochnow
Alice recognized Jack Price for his service on the board for the past 4 years and his contributions to the Cirque events. He received a gift in honor of his contributions.

Alice also recognized and thanked July Van Till for her service in the role of Treasurer for the past 18-24 months as well as her service on the board for 6 years. Judy transitioned LPF to revamped budgetary process and recruited a new bookkeeper while fulfilling the role of the Treasurer. Judy received a gift in honor of her service and dedication.

Jeanne recognized Alice Wilson for her outstanding leadership and dedication to LPF over the past 7 years on the board, including 3 years as President. During the past 2 years, the role of President has escalated, requiring countless meetings with Park and civic leaders regarding the issues with the Concrete Arch, Pokemon and other challenges facing parks today. We recognize the contributions that Alice has made in her role and are indebted to her commitment to LPF. Alice received gifts to commemorate her outstanding service to LPF.

7. Adjournment—-Alice Wilson Please join us for wine, cheese and conversation after the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm

Jeanne Prochnow
LPF Secretary

