

Lake Park Friends Annual Meeting (Virtual)

May 12, 2020 @6:30pm

Agenda for the 24th Annual Meeting

1. President's Welcome & Report (Jan Uebelherr)
2. Approve Minutes from 2019 Annual Meeting (Jennifer Meyer-Stearns)
3. Treasurer's Report (Sue Bolly-Schlenker)
4. Introduction of two (2) board candidates (Jock Mutschler)
5. 2019 Conservator Award Presentation (Sue Bolly-Schlenker)
6. Member Comments & Questions (Jan Uebelherr)

Election of Directors

Directors accepting nomination for a first two-year term:

Anne Hamilton

Meg Ho

Directors accepting nomination for a second two-year term:

Jan Uebelherr

Roemel Brown

Directors accepting nomination for a third two-year term:

Jason Jentsch

Jock Mutschler

Directors continuing:

Don Cramer

Bill Haury

Caroline Hogan

Jennifer Meyer-Stearns

Sue Bolly-Schlenker

Brenda Wood

Election of Officers

2020 Proposed Slate of Officers:

President – Jan Uebelherr

VP Development – Brenda Wood

VP Communications – Jock Mutschler

VP Membership & Administration – Caroline Hogan

Secretary – Jennifer Meyer-Stearns

Treasurer – Don Cramer

2020 Lake Park Friends Board of Directors – Candidates for Election

Lake Park members in good standing are invited to vote on two candidates for the Board of Directors as part of our annual meeting. The vote will take place via GoogleDoc.

Meghan Ho - Please see below some background information on Meghan:

People in the Park

Meet Meghan Ho: An Illinois native, one of the newest members of the Lake Park Friends board and the new presenter for Wonderful Wednesdays, Megan Ho talks about how she came to love the East Side – especially Lake Park.

Q. Where did you come from, and how did you end up in Milwaukee?

A. I am originally from Illinois but came to Milwaukee to go to school at Marquette University. My Father's side is from Whitefish Bay and both of my parents went to Marquette so I grew up coming to Milwaukee a lot. My mom always had her Milwaukee traditions for us - singing "Ring Out Ahoya" as we approached the city, getting a chocolate malt from Lixx on Downer Avenue, catching up with the latest books at Schwartz's, and stopping in at Coffee Trader.

Of course, no trip would be complete without a stroll through Lake Park. There were many sibling photos with the iconic Lake Park lions. Because of these adventures, the East Side brings back a lot of nostalgia for me. My husband, Stan, is originally from Shorewood so we kind of "met in the middle" to lay down our roots on the Upper East Side on Summit Avenue.

We have a three-year old daughter, Milly, and a sheepadoodle named Buckley - both of which can be found on daily walks throughout the neighborhood.

Q. How do you and your family use Lake Park?

A. The biggest draw to Lake Park for us currently is the playground. With each stage of life, our use of the park seems to evolve. First it started as a special place for us to have a celebratory meal at Lake Park Bistro, then it turned into a great place to have our new puppy burn off energy, then a backdrop for engagement photos, a birthday picnic, a place to take a long stroll with a newborn, the first swing ride for our baby, and family concerts on Wednesdays. Now we are looking forward to soccer and tennis.

Q. What are your interests and hobbies?

A. I enjoy cooking for my family and trying new recipes from Skinnytaste, NYT Cooking & Bon Appetit. I enjoy planning fun activities and parties for my daughter - we hosted a fun gingerbread house making party in the winter with some of her friends. I love exploring the East Side neighborhood and taking weekend adventures down to Downer Ave to grab a coffee and stroll through Boswell Books. We also love entertaining in our

newly renovated home and are looking forward to continuing making friendships in the neighborhood.

Q. You're leading Wonderful Wednesdays now. How did this evolve?

A. We have enjoyed Wonderful Wednesdays for years and I have been anxious to get more involved in the community - when Gillian Gosman (the longtime presenter) was looking for a successor, it just seemed like a perfect fit. I am really excited for families to come to Lake Park and enjoy music and fun this summer.

Anne Hamilton - Please see below some background information on Anne:

I'd like to give back some of the benefits I've enjoyed from living across the street from the park for 20 years. I have much more free time now after retiring from teaching at UW-Whitewater. I commuted there for 21 years.

My prior board experience includes Literacy Services of Wisconsin (LSW), Next Act Theatre (first Next Generation theatre), and Wild Space Dance company.

We have long walked our dogs in the park. Our youngest (now 25) used the playground a lot when we first moved in. All of us are now walkers and runners; from time to time we've played tennis. It is a beautiful treasure to have across the street from us!

One of my goals after I retired in January 2019 was to get to know my neighbors and the neighborhood better. I have lived in this neighborhood since 1985, first on Kenwood Blvd and then on Lake Drive. But, I commuted to Madison 1989-1997 and to Whitewater 1997-2019 and travelled quite a bit internationally for my work. So, my focus tended to be outside the neighborhood. Now I want to keep my focus closer to home.

My undergraduate degree is in History; my graduate degree in Political Science. If there is an opportunity, I'd love to revive my research skills and work on the History Committee. Another area where I could contribute is grant writing. As a board member of Literacy Services of Wisconsin (1986-2006), I worked as volunteer Development Director for 5-6 years and wrote grant proposals regularly.

**Lake Park Friends
Draft Minutes of the 23rd Annual Meeting**

**Lake Park Pavilion – Marcia Coles Community Room
May 14, 2019 @ 6:30 pm**

1. Welcome and Introduction – President Colleen Reilly called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm and thanked everyone in attendance for sharing their ideas, being a part of a strong membership and for helping to create a sense of community, as Frederick Law Olmsted intended.

2. Approval of Minutes of 2018 Annual Meeting – Secretary Jeanne Prochnow asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the 2018 annual meeting, which were posted on the Lake Park Friends website. Nancy Morgan moved and Jan Uebelherr seconded the motion to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unopposed. Jeanne asked that the draft minutes from this meeting be emailed to the membership.

3. Election of Officers & Directors – Secretary Jeanne Prochnow

Directors accepting nomination for a first two-year term:

Brenda Wood (present) Brenda is a lobbyist for the City of Milwaukee.

Don Cramer (not present). Don is currently a full time student working towards his PhD at UWM.

Jeanne asked for a motion to elect the new nominees to the board of directors. Melissa Mooney moved and Sue Mischler seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

Directors accepting nominations for a second two-year term:

Jon Bales

Caroline Hogan

Director accepting nomination for a third two-year term:

Sue Bolly-Schlenker

Buffy Duback

Bill Haury

Barbara Johnson

Directors continuing:

Gillian Gosman

Jason Jentzsch

Jennifer Meyer-Stearns

Jock Mutschler

Colleen Reilly

Jan Uebelherr
Roemel Brown

Jeanne asked for a motion to elect the nominees. Shirley Conlon moved and John Shank seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

2019 Proposed Slate of Officers:

President — Colleen Reilly

President-Elect —Jan Uebelherr

Vice President Administration — Buffy Duback

Vice President Development — Jock Mutschler

Secretary —Jennifer Meyer-Stearns

Treasurer —Sue Bolly-Schlenker

Jeanne asked for a motion to elect the slate of officers. Roemel Brown moved and Caroline Hogan seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

4. Financial Report – Treasurer Sue Bolly-Schlenker reported that Lake Park Friends is now using QuickBooks, which is giving us better reporting capabilities. Colleen Reilly thanked Sue for her countless volunteer hours learning QuickBooks. LPF has nearly completed its first Accounting Review by Reilly, Penner & Benton. Sue gave the following financial statistics, which were highlighted in the 2018 Annual Report:
Assets: \$345,937.00
Revenue: \$277,880.00
Expenditures: \$154,954.00
Net Revenue: \$122,926.00
5. President's Report – President Colleen Reilly introduced two audience members: Nadine Weske, President of Park People, and Lindsay Frost, Community Relations Coordinator for Milwaukee County Parks. She thanked both of them for their efforts. Then Colleen highlighted some of the accomplishments of LPF over the past year: 500 members and 5000 volunteer hours! She also highlighted the positive work done by the Nature Committee (weed out, programs on variety of topics, maintenance), History Committee (Joanne Barndt gave a presentation at St. John's and a field trip was taken to Riverside, IL.) Entertainment Committee (Movie night returns on July 20, and 16 concerts this summer), Recreation Committee (tennis continues and golf will be added this summer) and Development & Membership Committee (\$34,000 raised at 2018 Cirque du Lake Park, first member survey with 30% response rating).
6. What's Ahead:
Ravine Road Concrete Bridge: LPF has secured donors who have committed \$900,000 to a 50-year Concrete Bridge Maintenance Fund. The County will

receive a \$2Million federal grant with rehabilitation to begin in 2021. A Memo of Understanding is currently being drawn up for our part.

Wooden Bridge Construction in Fall 2019

Painting the Nike Building

Cleaning & Waxing the Wolcott Statue

Program by Dan Marriott, a member of the Board of National Association for Olmsted Parks, who has written a book “Saving Historic Roads”.

Restoring the South Lighthouse Ravine trail at the east end.

Steps and Railings were repaired near the Steel Arch Bridge

Joint Lawn Bowling program with Historic Watertown Neighborhood and LPF in July

Wednesday Walkers at 10 a.m. each week

Membership Drive is wrapping up and about 100 new memberships were obtained.

Ravine Road Bridge is to reopen at ½ width sometime this summer.

Colleen then answered audience questions: Alice Kehoe asked about whether the path down to Lincoln Memorial Drive near the Lake Park Summer Stage is on our radar. Colleen stated that we are aware of its deterioration and it is being considered as a future project. Another person asked if tennis scholarships could be offered. Colleen said that she would relay that request to the Recreation Committee. A third person asked if there been a decision about the road under Ravine Bridge? Colleen said that State and County Historic Preservation Laws will prevail and so it's a wait and see. Angela Laughingheart asked if a permit is needed for free Tai Chi in the park? Lindsay Frost said that a permit should be filed but there may not be a fee associated with it since there's no charge.

7. Goodbye to departing board members: Jeanne Prochnow and Shirley Conlon, who each served three two-year terms and Nancy Morgan, who served one two-year term. A gift was presented to each.
8. Co-Conservators 2018 Award – Colleen Reilly congratulated Phil Schultz and Steve Duback as recipients of the Conservator Award, which is given to recognized those who have made an impact on the park. Phil and Steve are the backbone of the Ravine Road Concrete Bridge Committee and have volunteered

for 6-7 years on the committee. Both had previously served on the Board of Directors.

9. Adjournment – Colleen Reilly adjourned the meeting at 7:39 pm and invited all to stay for refreshments.

Minutes submitted by Ann Wollmer, Administrator

Minutes reviewed and accepted by Jennifer Meyer-Stearns, Secretary