

# Lake Park Friends Annual Meeting Agenda - May 6, 2025

1. Welcome & Introductions – Anne Hamilton
2. Approval of 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes (vote required) – Cathy Jakicic
3. Presentation of Board Candidates – Cathy Jakicic
4. Presentation of 2025 Slate of Officers and Directors (vote required) – Cathy Jakicic
5. Financial Report – Don Cramer
6. President's Address – Anne Hamilton
7. Speaker – Sarah Long, Reforestation Coordinator Milwaukee County Parks, on Trees
8. Presentation of 2024 Conservator Award to Jeanne Prochnow – Nidhi Kashyap
9. Goodbye and Thank You to Outgoing Directors Brenda Wood and Don Cramer
10. Questions and Comments
11. Adjournment

## **2025 Election of Officers:**

### Proposed slate of officers:

President – Joanne Barndt  
Treasurer – Hersh Kumbhani  
Secretary – Cathy Jakicic  
Vice President Development – Anne Hamilton  
Vice President Membership & Administration – Sharon Boeldt  
Vice President Communications & Nominations – Annysa Johnson

## **2025 Election of Directors:**

### Directors accepting nomination for a first two-year term:

Joanne Barndt  
Doreen Stoller  
Nadine Weske

### Directors accepting nominations for a second two-year term:

Nidhi Kashyap  
Hersh Kumbhani  
Stephen Lopes

### Directors accepting nomination for a third two-year term:

Nat Blaz  
Sharon Boeldt  
Cathy Jakicic  
Joan Kress

### Directors continuing:

John Eastberg  
Anne Hamilton  
Annysa Johnson  
Kevin Keefe

## **BIOS OF PROSPECTIVE LPF BOARD MEMBERS**

### **Doreen Stoller**

As President of the Hermann Park Conservancy, Doreen Stoller successfully led efforts to raise over \$127 million for Park improvements and develop sustainable revenue streams for Park maintenance. Park users come from across the Houston region, and support for the Conservancy's work has broadened to include gifts from 151 of Houston's 178 zip codes plus a volunteer corps numbering in the thousands. She also launched the master planning effort for the next twenty years of improvements which emphasize the health of both the Park's natural areas as well as its visitors – from families spending time in the sunshine to thousands of migratory birds.

Ms. Stoller also led the Conservancy through the growth from a staff of six to a team of 80 whose duties range from tending the gardens, natural areas and facilities to running the beloved Hermann Park Railroad. Earned income from concessions and facility rentals have grown to sustainably fund half of the annual maintenance budget with another 25% coming from the earnings of dedicated maintenance funds that have grown a hundred-fold during her tenure to over \$32 million.

Before her work in the non-profit world, Ms. Stoller spent fifteen years in strategic planning for the high-tech industry. She also served as CEO in residence for Internet venture funders.

She holds a B.A. from Yale University, an M.A. from the Institute of Fine Arts and an M.B.A. from Rice University, where she is a lecturer at the Jones Graduate School of Business and serves on the Board of Advisors. She is the past chair of the national City Parks Alliance and currently serves on the board of Inprint.

### **Nadine Weske**

I served on the board of the Park People (TPP) for 12 years and began as the chair of the Friends Groups Committee. I then accepted the 2-year position as president-elect, served as president for 3 years then finished with the 2-year role of being past president in 2023. Because TPP is the umbrella for its fiscally sponsored groups, I had the privilege of working with many dedicated park volunteers and the Milwaukee County Parks Department including Guy Smith and his staff. I had regular meetings with Parks to obtain an MOU, discussed concerns and ideas of friends groups and shared updates to ensure that duplicate work wasn't occurring between TPP and the county. I assisted in the reorganization of TPP in an effort to maintain its future relevance, participated in the hiring process of 3 executive directors and co-chaired the gala celebrating 40 years of the organization.

## **Joanne Barndt**

### **Board experience** (Selected)

- Lake Park Friends  
Served as President (1996-2000) and chaired History Committee (2000-2022)
- League of Women Voters of Milwaukee County  
Served as President (2013-2015) and chaired Nominating Committee (2025)
- North Point Lighthouse  
Served as Secretary (2000-2010)

### **Education**

- Western Reserve University, BA Psychology/Sociology, 1966
- Case Western Reserve University, School of Applied Social Sciences, MSSA, 1970

### **Employment** (Selected)

- Children's Service Society, Clinical Social Work (1974-1984)
- Columbia-Saint Mary's Hospital, Medical Social Work (1987-2013)
- UWM School of Social Welfare, Field Instruction (1989-2007)

## **CONTINUING BOARD MEMBER QUALIFICATIONS**

Cathryn Jakicic - Editor/writer, My Write Mind

Hersh Kumbhani - Financial Advisor, Baird

Kevin P. Keefe – Journalist and author

Joan Kress – Community Volunteer

Anne Hamilton – Community Volunteer

Nidhi Kashyap - Circuit Court Judge, State of Wisconsin

Stephen Lopes - Accounting & Finance

Nat Blaz - Senior Director Engineering, Validation, and Maintenance - Sterling Pharmaceutical Solutions

Annysa Johnson - staff, Shorewood Foundation and Milwaukee Community Sailing Center

Sharon Boeldt

John Eastberg

# Lake Park Friends Annual Meeting

May 7, 2024 @6:30pm - Marcia Coles Community Room

## Minutes

Attendance: Jan Uebelherr, Anne Hamilton, Don Cramer, Caroline Hogan, Sharon Boeldt, Roemel Brown, Annysa Johnson, Brenda Wood, Buffy Duback, Stephen Lopes, Nidhi Kashyap, Joanne Barndt, Doug LeTendre, Ann Wollmer, Emily Robertson, Mike Robertson, Kevin Keefe, Alison Keefe, Jodi Eastberg, John Eastberg, Susan Burke, William Burke, Jim Cope, James Gensler, Jock Mutschler, Linda Mutschler, Jason Fry, Allyson Fry, Fred Geilfuss, Julie Wiegert

1. Welcome – Anne Hamilton called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m., welcomed all attendees and spotlighted the hard work of the volunteer board. She thanked all members in attendance for their support.
2. Approval of 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes – **Brenda Wood made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 9, 2023 annual meeting, Buffy Duback seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.**
3. Presentation of 2023 Conservator Award to Jock Mutschler – Caroline Hogan highlighted Jock’s varied roles with the organization (Treasurer, VP Development, VP Communications & Nominations) and his many varied and significant contributions. Jock’s name has been added to the plaque that hangs in the Marcia Coles Community Room.
4. Presentation of Board Candidates, John Eastberg and Kevin Keefe – Jan Uebelherr introduced the new board candidates who will offer their professional skills to the organization.
5. Presentation of 2024 Slate of Officers and Directors and Ratification – Anne Hamilton presented the slate of officers and directors, below. **Sharon Boeldt made a motion to approve the officers & directors as presented, Buffy Duback seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.**

### Officers:

#### 2024 Proposed slate of officers:

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Vice President Development – Sharon Boeldt

Vice President Membership & Administration – Brenda Wood

Vice President Communications & Nominations – Annysa Johnson

Treasurer – Don Cramer

Secretary – Cathy Jakicic

### Directors:

#### Directors accepting nomination for a first two-year term:

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Kevin Keefe

#### Directors accepting nominations for a second two-year term:

Annysa Johnson

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Anne Hamilton

Directors continuing:

Nat Blaz

Sharon Boeldt

Don Cramer

Cathy Jakicic

Nidhi Kashyap

Joan Kress

Hersh Kumbhani

Stephen Lopes

Brenda Wood

6. Financial Report – Treasurer Don Cramer presented the current financial standings.
  - a. He stated that LPF is in good financial standing with gross revenue in 2023 of \$261,000. 29% of that revenue is restricted income (concerts, Wahl Avenue bluff, Newberry flowerbed plantings, ice rink, tree fund, tennis fees). The remaining revenue is unrestricted (Cirque \$67,000, membership dues \$33,000, \$71,000 additional donations including the end-of-the-year appeal.)
  - b. In 2023, there was \$217,000 in expenses: \$67,000 for annual programming (concerts, invasive species control, tennis, landscaping), \$38,000 for nature projects (mostly trees) and \$36,000 for projects (Wahl Monument, wayfinding signs, drinking fountain installation). \$6,000 for smaller projects to include maintenance. The remaining \$70,000 was in administrative costs.
  - c. A \$300,000 Ravine Footbridge Maintenance Fund was set up in 2021 to cover long-term issues that may occur over the following decades. After a rough 2022, the fund rebounded in 2023 and end-of-year balance is now \$328,000. We do not anticipate needing to use the funds for several years.
  - d. Total net assets, not including Ravine Road Bridge Maintenance Fund, are \$557,000.
  - e. 34% of our assets are Restricted Funds for items such as Musical Mondays/Wonderful Wednesdays, the Ice Rink, Newberry Boulevard plantings and Trail Maintenance projects. The remaining unrestricted 66% will go towards items such as future undetermined projects, personnel, office expenditures, and other maintenance projects.
7. President's Address – Anne Hamilton
  - a. Anne expressed her enthusiasm for Lake Park Friends.
  - b. Anne talked about LPF 2023 accomplishments:
    - i. Another an amazing concert series and several fun Friday outdoor movies.
    - ii. The return of the Christian Wahl Monument to Lake Park.
    - iii. The Founder's Luncheon celebration, which honored those who started our organization.
    - iv. Cirque raised a record amount for trails.
  - c. Looking ahead to 2024:
    - i. The opening of Ravine Road to allow vehicles is ongoing and is taking significant time and energy. The board continues to encourage a compromise for use of the road.
    - ii. LPF is unveiling a new website with improved features such as a downloadable tour, all of our Lake Park Lion newsletters, and a sliding banner on the Home page that will include news updates or flashes.
    - iii. The LPF board is engaged in a strategic planning effort and has developed goals and strategies with measures of success for each strategy. The main goals are a) to have 100% usable park b) strengthen its relationship with Milwaukee County Parks c) nurture the next

generation of volunteers d) strengthen LPF's financial position for long-term sustainability and transparency e) continue to diversify the board and staff, improve the role of technology in our processes and evaluate staffing needs.

8. Goodbye and Thank You to Outgoing Directors Jan Uebelherr and Roemel Brown – Anne Hamilton reported that Jan has completed three 2-year terms, including a presidency, and was thanked for her participation in all aspects of the organization. Roemel was a faithful attender and overseer of summer concerts. He also played an integral role in helping to secure the final \$1 million for the concrete footbridge.
9. Adjournment – **Brenda Wood made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Sharon Boeldt seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.**

Minutes submitted by Ann Wollmer, Administrator

Minutes reviewed and accepted by Don Cramer and Anne Hamilton.