

Pierce Downer's Heritage Alliance
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Regular Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes
Room 503, Lincoln Center
June 29, 2005

Attendance: Jane Amorosi, James Cavallo, Aspasia Colias, Lee Forsythe, Gordon Goodman, Ken Lerner, Bill Runyon, Dave Schulz, , Buzz Whowell, Jerry Yoksoulian (Quorum present)

Absent: Matt LeCren, Ken Lerner, Kathleen Panek, Mark Sklair, Charley Smart

Guests: Art Jaros, John Schofield, Bernie Murphy, Andy Clark, Bill Wrobel, Tim Meaney, Eric and Lillian Munzenmay

Meeting called to order by Chair Gordon Goodman at 7:05 p.m.

Secretary's Report – Approval of minutes for meetings of January 19 & March 30, 2005 was postponed. The next meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2005.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning checking balance: \$1,198.92 as of March 29, 10 donations totaling \$205 were received from March 29, 2005 through June 29, 2005. Expenses were \$208.36, leaving the current checking balance of \$1,195.56 on June 29 with total PDHA assets of \$3,695.56. \$2,500 has been put into Bank One Certificate of Deposit (1.75 %)

Illinois Environmental Commission - \$300 annual dues. Membership includes vote at annual meeting, information distributed by email, wetlands protection, open space preservation and mercury elimination efforts. Motion passed to continue membership.

Lyman Woods: A. Eastman reported in abstentia. The streambank stabilization project is complete in Area 1. Watering of newly planted trees/shrubs is necessary. U.S. Forest Service visited Lyman Woods to speak about urban forestry partnerships. Discussion resulted in suggestion to have Gordon compose letter to Park District requesting relocation of storm warning equipment base center from Interpretive Center to Village Water Tower.

Donation suggestion: Interpretive Center, Debra Shore/Chicago Wilderness who spoke at our 2004 annual meeting.

Belmont Prairie: Sumac is being successfully controlled using new method. New brochure is available now. New kiosk and interpretive signs are in place.

Teardown Two Forum: Co-sponsored by PDHA and Downers Grove Watch: June 18 at Recreation Center on Belmont. Speakers were Laura LaPlaca, Chairman, Hinsdale Plan Commission, Greg Marsey, Oak Park Trustee, and Mayor Brian Krajewski. Comments included increasing setback according to height of new construction, total area coverage /impervious area, back and side garages. Housing stock information should be available at township assessor's office.

Gilbert Avenue Sidewalk: Consultant has been hired to plan sidewalk on southside of Gilbert. Question of land ownership. Buzz spoke at DuPage County Forest Preserve meeting regarding sidewalk.

Tree Ordinance: Village Council will not consider controlling trees private property. 100 letters went by Village Forester to contractors with implementation map and requirement of screening based upon tree size (1 ft for every 1" in diameter). Photographs of trees inappropriately or not protected by contractors (L. Bowen will contact Pete Hultman).

Meeting adjourned 9:55 p.m.

Mark Your Calendar:

Village Council: Meets every Tuesday at Village Hall: 6:30 p.m.

Park District: meets first (Lincoln Center) and third (Village Hall) Thursday: 7 p.m.

Highway Clean-up: July 9, October 8

Websites of Interest:

www.pdha.org

www.greenfund.com

www.environmentaldefense.org

www.ilenviro.org

www.earthshare.org

Next Meeting Wednesday, September 14 - 7:00 p.m. in Lincoln Center, Room 202

Respectfully submitted ~ Laurel Q. Bowen