

**Pierce Downer's Heritage Alliance**  
**<http://www.pdha.org>**  
**Regular Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Lyman Woods Interpretive Center**  
**September 15, 2004**

**Attendance:** Jane Amorosi, Laurel Bowen, James Cavallo, Aspasia Colias, Lee Forsythe, Matt LeCren, Barbara Murphy, Bill Runyon, Dave Schulz, Buzz Whowell, Jerry Yoksoulian (Quorum present) **Absent:** Gordon Goodman, Kathleen Panek, Mark Sklair **Guests:** Helen Donnelly, Pat Donnelly, Rita Martin, Alice Eastman, Jan Sleeter, Wayne Lela, and Ken Lerner

**Meeting called to order by Chair pro-tem Buzz Whowell at 7:10 p.m.**

**Approval of June 16 2004 Meeting minutes:** The minutes were approved with corrections noted – Summer camp was held at Lyman Woods, not Belmont Prairie.

**Secretary's Report:** Please invite a guest to our meetings. If able, participate in Village via meetings and letters to paper. Our next meeting is Wednesday, December 1, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. Lincoln Center Room 503.

**Treasurer's Report:** Beginning Checking Account Balance (as of 6/15/04) = \$2,815.38. Income of \$ 133 (8 donations) Expenditures: \$ 104.97 (Voter List,\$30 and Domain Name Registration \$74.97) Ending Balance = \$2,843.41 (as of 9/10/04) Planned expenditure \$200 (remaining gift to Downers Grove Park District) Additional assets 34 shares of AT&T Wireless Service common stock. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

**Butterfly Garden:** Eagle Scout candidate, Pat Donnelly spoke about procedure used to develop butterfly garden. Using spray painted tarps, roto-tilling ground, he planted and mulched dogwood and redbud trees, service berry, button bush, herbs and plants in the form of a butterfly. Kudos to Pat Donnelly's team for their magnificent effort in creating this perennial garden.

**Lyman Woods:** A. Eastman reported the outdoor classroom is improving with the back packs and books at Lyman Woods. These are available when the Center is open and there is a good deal of interest. Passport to Adventure is a program available from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Bathouses are located throughout the woods. Alice provided a show 'n' tell of the books PDHA helped to purchase. She will create a brochure for the Downers Grove library, in addition to performing a library book comparison for possible library loan of books here and to prevent duplicate purchases.

One year since Interpretive Center was opened. Volunteers are critical to its operation and needed year-round. Streambank stabilization is important and expensive. New program suggestions include: Senior Citizen "Pick Pockets"- to care for a pocket in the woods. Perhaps PDHA could perform storm drain stenciling "Dump no waste" "Drains to River" in cooperation with The Conservation Foundation, IL EPA and DuPage County Department of Environmental Concerns (DEAC) as Campus Life is currently doing around town.

Stay tuned: Pat Saunders Memorial to come from family.

**Nominating Committee: Jim Cavallo, Laurie Bowen, Gordon Goodman**

**Community Dialogue Discussion** – Neighborhood is not defined by statute. Important to get following points across this Saturday:

- Preserve historic structures, cultural heritage
- Preserve affordable housing. Economic value for all should be maintained.
- Establish task force open to public with public input for permits addressing demolition timing.
- Tree preservation – Forestry department is not organizationally located appropriately.  
Ordinance to protect parkway trees are not enforced.

September 21- Council meeting following Dialogue – J. Cavallo, K. Lerner to speak about Neighborhood Character Preservation petition - an important follow-up to Dialogue session.

**Meeting adjourned 9:50 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.

**Websites of Interest:** [www.pdha.org](http://www.pdha.org) [www.greenfund.com](http://www.greenfund.com)  
[www.environmentaldefense.org](http://www.environmentaldefense.org) [www.ilenviro.org](http://www.ilenviro.org)  
[www.earthshare.org](http://www.earthshare.org) [www.PRESERVEtheDCFPD@aol.com](mailto:www.PRESERVEtheDCFPD@aol.com)  
[www.downersgrovewatch.org](http://www.downersgrovewatch.org) [www.preservationoffourforests.org](http://www.preservationoffourforests.org)

**Annual Meeting Wednesday, December 1, 2004- 7:00 p.m. in Lincoln Center Room 503**

**PDHA Highland Ave Clean-up: 10/16 (8:30 a.m. – or whenever you can make it)**

**Natural Areas Lyman Work Days: 10/9, 10/30, 11/13 (9- 11:30 a.m.)**

**Natural Areas Belmont Prairie Work Days: 10/2 (9 – 11:30 a.m.)**

*Respectfully Submitted: Laurel Q. Bowen*