MINUTES OF FRIENDS OF THE PARK 8/9/11

Members present: Jeff Parsons, Grace Borgfjord, Carol Ladd, Peggy Warlick and Carol VanAntwerp

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Grace Borgfjord at 8am.

The minutes of June 14 were reviewed. Carol Ladd moved to accept them as written. The motion carried.

Update on 501 3c status: Grace reported that a budget had not been provided with the application. This information was added and the information sent July 25.

FOP Bench Project: Libby Heiny-Cogswell reported that the Park committee met and decided on black frames and Ipe wood. Landscape Forms, in Comstock, has the benches. They will sandblast, pre-drill, and powder coat the benches in preparation for assembly. It is anticipated it will take 3-5 weeks for this to be completed. This work can be paid for by the grant. Libby is looking into assembly sites; she will contact Dave Heinicke regarding assembly and possible use of his barn. Once the benches have been assembled, they will need to be stored until they can be installed in the park. Jeff shared examples of plaques from the Wildwood, NJ bench project. We cannot accept donations for plaques until our 501 3c application has been approved. Plaques have not yet been purchased. Peggy suggested asking Landscape Forms to pre-drill the areas on the benches for the plaques to be installed.

Sun Dial for Rotary Days update: Oshtemo Fun Day is August 20 and is sponsored by the Oshtemo Rotary. Angela Vadella, a master gardener, has need of assistance to pull weeds in preparation for this event. Grace shared several dates when Angela will be working on this.

Update on Sunburst Race: The Saturday, August 13 event will be supervised by Site Coordinator, Peggy Warlick. Volunteers will be needed the day of the Race and to stuff bags on Friday the 12th.

Rain Garden planning has been put on hold. The size of the proposed garden is uknown. Peggy is collecting information about native plants and rain gardens in parks with similar climates.

2012 Park Dedication: This will be held in the spring and hopefully be a joint effort with the Oshtemo Fire Dept. and the Oshtemo Library as well as Kohls.

Grace suggested a donation of $50 be made to the Master Gardener's club to acknowledge the work done by Angela Vadella. Carol VanAntwerp moved that this be done and the motion carried.

Paypal update: Jeff reported that once we receive the 501 3c designation this can be implemented.

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The meeting adjourned at 9am. Next meeting will be held Oct. 18 at 9am.

pectfully submitted,

Carol VanAntwerp
Secretary