

BUCKINGHAM POND CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING September 11, 2017

Albany Public Library--Bach Branch

Meeting Attendees: Felton McLaughlin, Morgan Talbot, Anne Savage, Marsha Penrose, Grace Bennett, Nancy Costello, and Elisabeth Draper

Absentee: Gabi Sarho

The minutes of the August meeting were accepted.

The treasurer's report was introduced with the information that there is enough money for the playground project. The option of insurance has not yet been decided. Attorney Kathleen Baynes had suggested a preferred figure of \$3000 or under, but the Hartford quote was \$7500. She is being consulted regarding a waiver and minimal coverage to consider.

Some items listed in the Playground Budget Details are to be considered guesses at this point, but there is a figure of approximately \$4000 in unallocated funds.

Donations of food from Martels, and possibly Spinners, were mentioned. Preferable date for closing the brick sales was determined to be the annual meeting in the Spring. More orders were said to be generally anticipated around the holidays. The pros and cons of both soft and Grand Opening with ribbon cutting were discussed, and the suggestion of a Halloween party was well received. Anne may call Michael Lobo to see when he might be in town.

All outstanding allocations were listed and a total amount of funds not committed to anything else was reported to be \$9,824.03. The Treasurer's report was then accepted.

Morgan presented a Kompan chart detailing playground scheduling. Certain assumptions on their part were questioned, particularly about the early phases, and it was acknowledged that Dan Mirabile and Bob Ellis would have the final say. Their input must be solicited, as well as Kompan's confirmation. It was noted that there must be something special about the Dome installation and the Items 11-20 of the chart all need clarification. There are questions regarding responsibilities for the Surfacing phase that must be addressed. And, if volunteers have to do the

borders, it should be determined whether or not this can be done while the cement sits.

Kompan has suggested team leaders with teams for each major piece of equipment. It was suggested that the team leaders should get e-mail manuals and then meet with a Kompan representative during the supervision of layout. Anne stated that she doesn't anticipate problems assembling teams, or lining up leaders, but she needs specific dates and times to do so, as well as numbers needed. There is also a need to schedule rain dates.

A list of necessary tools was presented and it was noted that Kompan will not provide any of them. There appeared to be some overlapping items in the extensive list, and hopefully Dan can lend some of the tools.

It was agreed that as project manager Morgan should be in the loop on every contact, date, and order clarification.

Gabi was not present at the meeting but sent a query regarding playground donor signage. It was thought that the boulder ideas was not preferable, but there was no conclusion about an alternative at this time. A temporary donor sign could be installed on a post, and made permanent at a later date.

It was generally agreed that the ice cream social was a big success. Many people stated a willingness to help with construction but there were questions about childcare. The board agreed that there will be no childcare provided.

Two bricks were sold and there was \$133 in the donation jar. There are 50-70 cups left over, but many more spoons must be made available for next year. Also, at least one more box of ice cream is necessary as both vanilla and chocolate ran out before all could be served. A table drape is still under discussion, with Elisabeth reporting that it will cost more than the \$200 allocated. She will send around information on 6 ft drapes for consideration.

Work is underway on the Jewish Federation-funded shoreline stabilization with native plant buffering, and the new curbing at South Euclid entrance is complete. Felton had sent around pictures of the progress.

The Knotweed problem on the south side was said to be coming back in spite of efforts to curtail the growth.

The membership figure of 181 quoted at the last meeting was corrected to be 178.

Gabi was said to be still working on the website. She also knows a landscape person who may be a candidate for nomination.

Marsha reported that that have been no known recent meetings of the PLNA.

The meeting was adjourned shortly after 9:00. The next BPC Board meeting will be October 2.