

# The Friends of Guy Mason Recreation Center, Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes: NOVEMBER 11TH, 2012

Directors present indicated by "▶"

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**Guests:** Amanda McKaye, Ralph Wright.

**Minutes:** November minutes approved with changes.

**Vice President's Report:** Hadley called the meeting to order. Hadley discussed a list of items provided by Dan including the completion of the parking lot, the dog run, and the continued stand-still on the coop agreement. Dan had a meeting with Bridgett concerning "Right of Entry" and agreed to a "general understanding" for FOGM to get basic maintenance items accomplished in the park without excessive red tape. Dan also meet with the center director and discussed mulch, the parking lot, the dog park, the playground, and the coop agreement. With several members absent, the board agreed to hold elections at the next meeting.

**Ralph Wright:** Discussed booking the rooms/center up to 100%, including classes, activities, and parties. Mentioned that some classes had been lost during the parking lot construction, but that they should resume again. Suggested another banner to advertise the center could be created and hung near the south side park entrance. He discussed January 8th registration for winter classes and possible avenues to publicize them. He also said that the center would be holding a coat drive. Ralph also asked DPR for mulch and was working on an evacuation plan for the center.

**Treasurer's Report:** Checking \$38,241. Expenditures include \$180 for irrigation blowout.

**Fundraising Event:** Thank you letters have not been sent out yet.

**Milton's Report:** Landscaping -- trees need winter tree trimming. No damage from Sandy. General discussion about excellent landscaping done by the contractor in the dog park. Milton reported that the Care of Trees created an arborists proposal: 8 trees need to be trimmed and a sugar maple needs to be removed. Cost \$1,890.

**MOTION:** Accept the proposal from Care of Trees. **APPROVED.** Milton reported that he had interviewed 4 landscape designers, one of whom unexpectedly billed for the meeting. **MOTION:** Approve \$95 to cover the bill from the landscaper. **APPROVED.** Milton recommended Nancy Sainberg of Enchanted Gardens for the position of park landscape designer. **MOTION:** Proposal of \$1,000 to start planning landscaping design with Nancy and \$400 for labor. **APPROVED.**

**General:** Interest in getting a feasibility study for a ramp from the West side Wisconsin entrance to the park -- need a landscaping engineer or something. Also, Jon Kerr from the pottery classes who created the first banner was present in the building and helped with advice for a second banner (same as mentioned by Ralph above).

**MOTION:** Approve \$150 for a banner to advertise classes at the center. **APPROVED.** Discussion about the next fundraiser -- main question: when?

**Next Meeting:** Jan 3rd.