

**Pierce Downer's Heritage Alliance**  
**<http://www.pdha.org>**  
**Special Board Meeting Minutes**  
**February 11, 2004**

**Attendance:** Jane Amorosi, Laurel Bowen, Aspasia Colias, Gordon Goodman, Matt LeCren, Bill Runyon, Buzz Whowell, Jerry Yoksoulian (Quorum present)

**Absent:** James Cavallo, Lee Forsythe, Kathleen Panek, Mark Sklair, Dave Schulz

**Guests:** Wayne Lela, Patrick Donnelly with his Father and Brother.

**Meeting called to order by Chair Gordon Goodman at 7:10 p.m.**

**Approval of January 14, 2004 meeting minutes:** The minutes were approved as prepared.

**Secretary's Report:** Please invite a guest to our meetings. If able, participate in Village via meetings and letters to paper. Stay informed! Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 17, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. Lincoln Center, Room 503.

**Treasurer's Report:** Beginning Balance (as of 1/14/04) = \$3,935.56. Expense of \$750 donation to Park District for Interpretive Center and Income of \$200 (two donations) Ending Balance = \$3,385.56. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

**Meeting Dates:** G. Goodman expressed hope to reschedule meetings for 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday to eliminate schedule conflicts. Discussion ensued and motion passed for quarterly meetings to be held as requested when possible. (3/17, 6/16, 9/1)

**Lyman Woods Stream Bank Stabilization:** Discussion encouraged board members to contact local media for coverage of this project as well as other issues.

**Lyman Woods Interpretive Center:** G. Goodman read acknowledgement letter from Alice Eastman, Manager, Natural Resources and Interpretive Services, for the \$750 gift to the Park District with \$200 for books and other educational materials and \$550 for restoration activities: \$150 to be spent for plugs for the green roof garden and \$400 for the butterfly garden designed by Pat Donnelly for his Eagle Scout project.

**Butterfly Garden:** Pat Donnelly, Boy Scout working to become Eagle Scout presented his plans to build the butterfly garden east of the Interpretive Center. He has researched the plantings and is in process of obtaining donations from local garden centers. Reception was enthusiastic, as were additional suggestions.

**2004 Highway Clean-up: April 24, June 12 and October 16 at 8:30 a.m.**

**Goals for 2004:** Discussion encouraged sponsoring Lyman Woods walk. Lance Hering is a volunteer Park District teacher we might ask to help us out. J. Amorosi and L. Bowen will work on attracting more sponsors (i.e., John Banaszak and Donna Retzlaff) to help. Promotion of Belmont Prairie is needed. Perhaps informational walks there may be planned.

**Quarterly Meeting:** Suggestion to contact Pete Baldo for update on his proposed project to clean-up and increase Forest Preserve property along canal bordering Lemont.

**Newsletter:** G. Goodman asked for assistance in creating newsletter for March/April to include clean-up days, Belmont Prairie threat and Lyman Woods walk days.

**Website:** M. Sklair's available time is currently challenged. Hopefully, G. Goodman and K. Panek will be able to assist with site updates and coordination of more links (i.e., Conservation Design Forum) as time permits. Discussion of this option was enthusiastic.

**Meeting adjourned 9:45 p.m.**

**Mark Your Calendar:**

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

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

**Websites of Interest:**

<a href="http://www.pdha.org">www.pdha.org</a>	<a href="http://www.greenfund.com">www.greenfund.com</a>
<a href="http://www.environmentaldefense.org">www.environmentaldefense.org</a>	<a href="http://www.ilenviro.org">www.ilenviro.org</a>
<a href="http://www.earthshare.org">www.earthshare.org</a>	

*GOSSIP LINE:* Rita Martin broke her wrist two weeks ago.  
Allen Hicks (Open Land Association) passed away on 2/7/04.  
Village is attempting to encourage Park District and DuPage Forest Preserve to approve sidewalks along Gilbert Avenue (Forest Preserve property).  
Wally Brown was nominated to Heritage Corridor Board of Directors.  
Grapevine heard rumor of prominent Downers Grove citizens planning drive to put Park District in hands of Village government.  
*Stay tuned into the happenings and report news back to us!*

**Next Meeting Wednesday, March 17, 2004 - 7:00 p.m. in Lincoln Center, Room 503**

**Future meeting dates: June 16, 2004, September 1, 2004**

**Highland Ave Clean-up: 4/24, 6/12, 10/16 (8:30 a.m. – or whenever you can make it)**

*Respectfully Submitted: Laurel Q. Bowen*