

**Pierce Downer's Heritage Alliance**  
**<http://www.pdha.org>**  
**Special Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Room 202, Lincoln Center**  
**January 19, 2005**

**Attendance:** Jane Amorosi, James Cavallo, Aspasia Colias, Gordon Goodman, Ken Lerner, Kathleen Panek, Bill Runyon, Charley Smart, Buzz Whowell, Jerry Yoksoulian (Quorum present)

**Absent:** Lee Forsythe, Matt LeCren, Ken Lerner, Mark Sklair, Dave Schulz

**Guests:** Alice Eastman

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

**Secretary's Report - Minutes for Annual Meeting December 1, 2004:** The approval of minutes with clarification by A. Eastman. The next meeting is scheduled for February 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Treasurer's Report:** Beginning balance: \$3,318.92. 11 donations totaling \$395 were received from December 1, 2004 through January 17, 2005. No expenses. The current balance is \$3,713.92. \$200 remaining to gift to Downers Grove Park District.

**Mission Statement:** Gordon Goodman circulated proposed revisions to the Articles of Incorporation, the Charitable Organization Registration Statement, and the Annual Report to the Secretary of State. A subcommittee consisting of Gordon Goodman, Jim Cavallo, Aspasia Colias, and Bill Runyon proposed the revisions to incorporate preservation of the natural, cultural and architectural heritage of Downers Grove into the statements of purpose, including historic homes and neighborhoods. PDHA mission also includes the dissemination of information about protection of Lyman Woods, preservation of wetlands, woodlands, meadows and prairies. Motion was passed. The consensus was to amend the organization's bylaws rather than the articles of incorporation.

**Website:** Charley Smart will put the mission statement for the PDHA, to include conservation of the Downers Grove natural and cultural heritage, voted to be incorporated into the bylaws, on the website. Website improvement is to include natural areas.

**Lyman Woods:** A. Eastman reported the streambank stabilization project began Dec 2004. Water control structures are in place. J. F. Neu Company, Project Mgr. for streambank construction. Still to be completed are the west streamway, plunge pool, and plantings (to be visible from interpretive center). Four summer camps to be held at Lyman Woods – Wood nymph, Timber, Curious Naturalist and Nighttime camp from 7 – 10 p.m.

**Motion passed:** To purchase (\$200) timber packs journal – guided exploration about cultural history.

Suggestion was made to provide an Interpretive Center book wish list for public.

Red Tail Hawk sighting: Highland properties – Hub Group. Brookfield Zoo filmed great horned owl at Lyman Woods.

**Belmont Prairie:** Be vigilant regarding impact on Belmont prairie. Belmont Prairie brochure is still “in works”. Potential speaker for future PDHA mtg on value of a prairie would be Mike Milken, Argonne researcher.

**PDHA Budget:** There was discussion of whether PDHA should purchase a membership in Chicago Wilderness, Partners for Parks and Wildlife, Conservation Foundation (certified backyard conservation). Other items discussed regarding the budget include whether there should be items earmarked for the cultural heritage mission; considering the need for consensus building in Downers Grove with most recent crisis management regarding the preservation efforts of the Lyman House in 2004.

**PDHA Activities for 2005:** Gordon Goodman circulated a list of suggested PDHA activities during 2005, based on discussions at the January board meeting. It was suggested to include Belmont Prairie with the same level of priority as Lyman Woods in PDHA activities.

**Meeting adjourned 9:55 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:**

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| <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>                     |  |

**Next Meeting Wednesday, February 16 - 7:00 p.m. in Lincoln Center, Room 202**

*Respectfully submitted ~ Laurel Q. Bowen*