

Pierce Downer's Heritage Alliance
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Regular Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes
• March 17, 2004 •

Attendance: Jane Amorosi, Laurel Bowen, James Cavallo, Aspasia Colias, Gordon Goodman, Matt LeCren, Bill Runyon, Dave Schulz, Buzz Whowell, Jerry Yoksoulia (Quorum present) **Absent:** Lee Forsythe, Kathleen Panek, Mark Sklair **Guests:** Alice Eastman

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

Approval of February 11, 2004 Special 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. Our next meeting is Wednesday, June 16, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. Lincoln Center, Room 503. See Gossip Line below.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning Balance (as of 2/11/04) = \$3,385.56. Income of \$50 (two donations) Ending Balance = \$3,435.56. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Illinois Environmental Commission: M. Sklair, D. Schulz, J. Cavallo, and L. Bowen would like to receive mailings from IEC. September IEC meeting will likely include a forum for U.S. Senate candidates. G. Goodman reported on Gov. Blagojevich's proposal to divert Illinois real estate transfer tax funding into the General Fund rather than Open Space Land Acquisition and Development and Natural Area Acquisition Fund. This reassignment of funds will seriously cripple open space acquisitions and mgmt of State natural areas by IDNR staff in order to help balance the State's budget. DuPage Environmental Commission opposes this "holiday of funding for programs." G. Goodman is to send letter on behalf of PDHA to Gov. and elected officials opposing this diversion of funds because of the impact this proposal would have on open space acquisition, staff funding and management of natural areas. A copy of letter and background information is to be enclosed with minutes to board. Phone calls are encouraged to representatives Patti Bellock and Sandy Pihos. D. Schulz made motion to donate \$200 to IEC Partnership for Parks and Wildlife. B. Runyon seconded. This will help effort to defeat eliminating funding for Dept. of Natural Resources for open space and natural areas acquisition and programs. Motion passed.

Lyman Woods Stream bank Stabilization: Phase I of Area 1 (19.86 acres) is complete. Total cost \$450,000. To begin after 6/1 – hardscape work is leveling, rock placement, replacement of invasive brush. Area 2 to begin planning after July 2004. Rec'd IL 319 Fed'l grant \$156,000 for 2 streambed areas to north of stabilization project. Submitted C2000 State grant (with DCFPD) for habitat restoration. Discussion encouraged board members to contact local media for coverage of this project as well as other issues.

Lyman Woods: J. Amorosi will purchase Chicago Wilderness Magazine for the Interpretive Center. Alice Eastman, Manager, Natural Resources and Interpretive Services reported a burn at Lyman Woods is planned before April 15 to "South 17" - the sedge meadow along Highland. GPS units are being used in a new outdoor hobby to find geo cache sites. Lyman Woods is such a location. Website logs, special use permits, 15 day monitoring required, unit cost avg: \$150. L. Bowen will copy Sun article for board. A. Eastman reported that more than a dozen schools are taking field trips at Lyman Woods (13 schools of 5th graders-full day and 14 schools of 1st graders 1/2 day);

SEASPAR has five programs. In addition, there are 3 summer camp programs - one week of 1/2 days.

Interpretive trail signs to be installed. Bird sighting log is well used. A Saw-whet owl was discovered in the woods.

Park District: A. Eastman is creating a new tri-fold brochure for Lyman Woods and Belmont Prairie. Patricia Semple, New Volunteer Coordinator.
Nike and SCARCE are sponsoring "Reuse a Shoe"! Recycle gym shoe collection box at Lincoln Ctr until April 10, 2004.

Green Roof: Receiving much interest from College of DuPage, Lakeview Nature Center, AES Land Management Consultant and the press.

2004 Highway Clean-up: April 24, June 12 and October 16 at 8:30 a.m.: Waivers were signed by participants.

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. Still in works.

Website: Suggestions: Include more links, factoids, Picture of the Week, continual coverage of Interpretive Center, Lyman Woods, Butterfly Garden and Belmont Prairie. A. Eastman will submit factoids and pictures for website.

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:

www.pdha.org	www.greenfund.com
www.environmentaldefense.org	www.ilenviro.org
www.earthshare.org	www.PRESERVEtheDCFPD@aol.com
www.downersgrovewatch.org	www.preservationofourforests.org

"Teardowns & Taxes" Downers Grove Watch is sponsoring a public forum at library meeting room on **Saturday, April 10, 2004** (10 a.m.-1 p.m.). Panel of experts from surrounding communities also dealing with these challenges. Please try to attend!

GOSSIP LINE: Richard O'Hara has moved to Boise Idaho to work for AMERICAN ECOLOGY DIRECTOR, ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY
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Stay tuned into the happenings and report news back to us!

Next Meeting Wednesday, June 16, 2004- 7:00 p.m. in Lincoln Center, Room 503

International Migratory Bird Day: May 8, 2004, 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Lyman Woods

Future meeting dates: September 1, 2004

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

Natural Areas Lyman Work Days: 4/17, 6/5 (9- 11:30 a.m.)

Natural Areas Belmont Prairie Work Day: May 15 (9 – 11:30 a.m.)

Respectfully Submitted: Laurel Q. Bowen