

Pierce Downer's Heritage Alliance
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Annual Meeting Minutes
Lincoln Center – Room 503
December 6, 2006

Attendance: Jane Amorosi, Laurel Bowen, James Cavallo, Aspasia Colias, Lee Forsythe, Gordon Goodman, Ihor Hlohowskyj, Matt LeCren, Ken Lerner, Bill Runyon, Chris Saricks, Dave Schulz, Charley Smart, Jerry Yoksoulion (Quorum present) **Guests:** Andrea & Ted Anderson, David Bowen, Wallace Brown (DuPage County Forest Preserve Commissioner), Andy Clark, Glenn Connick, Shannon Forsythe (DG Park District Manager of Natural Areas and Interpretative Programs), Pete Hultman, Arthur Jaros & Cathy Mahoney (DG Park District Commissioners), Mark Meyer, Al Rouffa, Karen Shannon (DG Park District Facilities Manager), John Schofield, Janet Smart, Mark Thoman, Brad Titchener, William Wrobel, Eva McKendrick (reporter at The Sun), Ted Gray (speaker)

Meeting called to order by Chairman James Cavallo at 7:15 p.m.

Roll call and introductions: P. Hultman has lived in Downers Grove for **80 years!** Al Rouffa for 54 years.

Approval of November 1, 2006 Meeting minutes: Minutes were approved with noted corrections.

Treasurer's Report: G. Goodman reported beginning balance (as of 11/01/2006) = \$4,395.18. Income was \$195 (7 donations). Expenditures: \$165.10 (newsletter & website hosting). Ending Balance = \$4,441.04 with a Checking Balance of \$925.08 and \$3,515.96 in our CD that matures on 7/30/2007 at Community Bank of DG. Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

PDHA Website: All are encouraged to send Charley ideas at Charleysmart@comcast.net or 969.8085.

Nominating Committee: Chairman of Nominating Committee Jerry Yoksoulion proposed reelection of all incumbent directors and officers. Motion passed unanimously. The incumbent Board of Directors and Officers were re-elected for the year 2007.

DuPage Forest Preserve District: Referendum to borrow money and issue general obligation bonds passed on Nov 7 - Election Day in the amount of \$68 million to acquire natural areas and other land (up to 600 acres) and to improve, preserve and restore forests and other facilities.

Architectural Design Review Board: ADRB's recommendations are to be reviewed at Council Workshop on Tuesday, Dec 12, at 6:30 p.m. Village Hall.

Next PDHA Meeting: January 17, 2007 PDHA will meet at 7 PM in Lincoln Center, Room 307.

Meeting adjourned: 7:45 p.m.

Lyman Woods – History presented by Gordon Goodman – George Williams College closed its Downers Grove campus during recession of 1980's. The campus area was to be sold off with another college purchasing the core campus buildings and land. Development proposals for the rest of the campus included new multifamily buildings. Downers Grove residents expressed a strong preference for the Village to participate with the Park District and Forest Preserve District in acquiring the bulk of the natural land on the George Williams Campus as a forest preserve.

In 1986, DG Village Council by a 3 to 2 vote approved joining in the purchase of 81 acres for \$4.5 million. Over the past 20 years more land has been added so that currently the Lyman Woods Preserve includes ownership of 134.90 acres with 18.67 acres of easements at a total cost of \$17,482,442.

DG Park District is managing partner for the three owners of the Preserve. Since 1986 the Park District has spent a total of approximately \$3.6 million out of local funds on operations and restoration efforts at our two natural areas, Lyman Woods and Belmont Prairie.

In 2003 the Lyman Woods Interpretive Center was built at a cost \$1.3 million using a \$1 million State grant.

Gordon concluded by summarizing the various grants and local funds that have been used during the past 20 years for restoration and improvements at the Lyman Woods Preserve.

