

**Pierce Downer's Heritage Alliance**  
**<http://www.pdha.org>**  
**Regular Quarterly Meeting Minutes**  
**Lincoln Center – Room 503**  
**November 1, 2006**

**Attendance:** Jane Amorosi, Laurel Bowen, James Cavallo, Aspasia Colias, Gordon Goodman, Matt LeCren, Jerry Yoksoulian, Charley Smart (Quorum present) **Absent:** Lee Forsythe, Ken Lerner, Ihor Hlohowskyj, Bill Runyon, Chris Saricks, Dave Schulz **Guest:** Shannon Forsythe (DG Park District Manager of Natural Areas and Interpretative Programs)

Meeting called to order by Chairman James Cavallo at 7:10 p.m.

**Approval of September 30, 2006 Meeting minutes:** Minutes were approved with noted corrections. Discussion determined minutes distributed to website and Park Board members only after approval by PDHA board.

**Treasurer's Report:** G. Goodman reported beginning balance (as of 09/20/2006) = \$4,258.14. Income was \$142.04 (CD interest). Expenditures: \$5 (Sec of State annual fee). Ending Balance = \$4,395.18 Checking Balance \$895.18 with \$3,500 CD maturing 10/30/2006 at Community Bank of DG. Treasurer's report was approved as presented. Board decided that CD be rolled over for 9 mo. and accumulated interest be transferred to checking account as reflected.

**PDHA Website:** Website will include donation area. All are encouraged to send Charley ideas at [Charleysmart@comcast.net](mailto:Charleysmart@comcast.net) or 969.8085.

**DG Park District Activities:** Shannon Forsythe reported Phase 1 for Project Site Area 2 is complete. Phase 2 in Project Site Area 2 calls for installation of stabilization methods that will increase aquatic habitat, oxygen content and reduce erosion and is nearing completion. A DuPage County Water Quality Improvement Grant (\$91,500) has been received that provides up to 20% funding of qualified costs for projects. Work on this Project Site Area 2 of the Lyman Woods streambank stabilization project is scheduled for completion Spring 2007. The final Project Site Area 3 is most sensitive and grant monies have not yet been received for it. Scott Howard (DG South) is new steward for Belmont Prairie. Clearing of brush and seed collection workdays in Lyman Woods – Nov 5, Nov 18. Photo contest for Lyman Woods deadline is Nov 1 @ 4 pm.

**Blodgett House at 812 Randall Street:** No new information to report from Greg Evans, DG Historic Society. Gordon stated that Karen Shannon has not meet with anyone (as stated at last meeting) regarding potential for this addition to Park District Museum property. Charley Smart reported that Chris Salman estimates \$30,000 as approx cost for moving house and \$20,000 for foundation. Gordon, Charley and Chris to continue discussion.

**Brookbank Road Stormwater Issue:** Stormwater and Flood Plain Oversight Committee meeting held on Thursday, Oct 25 at Public Works (Jonathan C. Hall, P.E., Stormwater Administrator) showed standing room only crowd due to the Village wide stormwater damage on October 2, 2006. No report on Brookbank variance during that meeting.

**Flag lot at 3700 Woodland Lane:** Plan Commission Meeting was held on Monday, Oct 2. Though PDHA hand delivered a letter to the Village, Jeff O'Brien, Senior Planner, did not have this letter. Neither did the Plan Commission. L. Bowen read the letter to the Plan Commission. Though the Park District had given a statement in advance to Mr. O'Brien regarding the lot split request on a property adjacent to Lyman Woods, nothing was stated for the record at the Plan Commission meeting. Though the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County sent a letter to the Village regarding this proposed lot split request adjacent to land owned in part by the District, the letter was not read into the record as requested by Mr. Brent Manning, Executive Director. L. Bowen also read this letter to the Plan Commission. Plan Commission voted to approve the annexation of said lot to Village of Downers Grove. Plan Commission voted not to recommend the lot split. Therefore, the petition was withdrawn by petitioner, Mr. Roy Thygeson.

**Annual Mtg Committee and Nominating Committee:** Suggestions include speaker for recognition of 20 yr anniversary of Lyman Woods, i.e., Steve Apfelbaum, Applied Ecological Services, the consultant representing the company currently performing the streambank stabilization project, Wayne Lampa author of

“Phoenix Book” about oak savannas. PDHA Directors approve creation of an Annual Meeting Committee to include L. Bowen. Nominating Committee - members to be appointed by Chairman pro-tem Jerry Yoksoulian.

**DuPage Forest Preserve District:** Requesting a tax increase on Nov 7 - Election Day with a \$68 million bond referendum to purchase up to 600 acres of open space in DuPage County.

**First United Methodist Church** will hold Environmental Series for anyone interested on following dates:  
Sunday, Nov 5 – 9:30 -10:30 am – Global Warming Legislative Action – Rebecca Stanfield, Environmental Illinois  
Sunday, Jan 7 or 14, 2007 – 9:30 – 10:30 am – Global Warming Voluntary Action – Colleen Sarna, Sierra Club

**Date for Annual PDHA Meeting: December 6, 2006 at 7 p.m. Room 503 at Lincoln Center**

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

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**Mark Your Calendar:**

**DG Environmental Concerns Commission Meetings:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, Public Works at 7 p.m.

**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.

**Election Day: November 7**

**Veteran’s Day: November 11 – Program to be held on November 10 at DG North H.S. at 9 a.m.**

**Park Board Meetings:** Thurs, Nov 16 and Dec 7 (Village Hall) at 7 p.m. Hearings at both meetings

**Conversation Foundation:** Thurs. Nov 16 College of DuPage 6:30 p.m. – An Evening with author Richard Louv – “Last Child in the Woods: Saving our Children from Nature Deficit Disorder”

**PDHA Annual Meeting** Wed., December 6, 2006, 7:00 p.m. in Lincoln Center Room 503

**Websites of Interest:** [www.pdha.org](http://www.pdha.org) [www.greenfund.com](http://www.greenfund.com)  
[www.environmentaldefense.org](http://www.environmentaldefense.org) [www.ilenviro.org](http://www.ilenviro.org)  
[www.earthshare.org](http://www.earthshare.org) [www.PRESERVEtheDCFPD@aol.com](mailto:www.PRESERVEtheDCFPD@aol.com)  
[www.preservationoffourforests.org](http://www.preservationoffourforests.org) [www.dgcmr.org](http://www.dgcmr.org)

Condolences go out to the family of Thomas Michael Gilbert who was killed in the line of duty in Iraq on October 25, 2006. Services were held on Thurs. Nov 2 at Gloria Dei Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Respectfully Submitted: Laurel Q. Bowen, Secretary