

**Friends of Rouge Park Meeting
July 22, 2009**

Attendance: Chester Marvin, Paul Schwab, Paula Trilety, Jack Smiley, Martin Siml, Thomas McNulty, Paul Stark, Sally Petrella, Lisa Goldsmith,

Minutes: Accepted as read

Treasurer's Report-Chester Marvin. Total: \$3333.80. English Gardens gave one year of flowers as a door prize. Several other donations and sponsorships received.

Membership Report-Tom McNulty. 52 individual & family memberships and 10 organizational memberships. 60 total memberships. A decrease of seven members from last meeting.

Presidents Report-Sally Petrella:

1. DWSD obtained an economic hardship exemption from the EPA and is suppose to come up with an alternative plan by Dec. 15. We have a meeting set up with DWSD for July 23 to discuss the alternatives. 470 caliper inches of trees must be replaced by DWSD. Sally asked for them to repair the bike/walking path in the mean time.
2. The Greening of Detroit completed their master plan for the nursery.
3. We need to get permission from the county and Detroit DOT to put our park bench at W. Parkway and Joy. Sally is working on it.

Jack Smiley suggested using the \$1500 from last year's 5K Run for split rail fence at the entrance to the prairie instead of a bench. Eagle Scouts could install it for free. We discussed paying someone to mow the path through the prairie since the City have failed to mow it in years past and can not be relied upon to mow it. Jack will look into the split fence idea.

NEW BUSINESS

Butterfly walk is set for Aug.2

Martin Siml made a suggestion for next year's RPAD to be held in the Fall.

Sally set up a program with Kroger to donate to us each time a registered user uses their Kroger card.

5K Run

We have five runners registered and \$800 in sponsorships and four door prizes so far. We need more volunteers to call potential sponsors.

Insurance Quotes:

\$411.75

\$463.00

Paula checked in to a medical person. The person who she asked could assist but we would need to have a registered nurse. Tom will ask a retired EMT he knows.

Next meeting: 9/16 6pm.