

**The Friends of Rouge Park  
Meeting Minutes  
Apr. 21, 2010**

**Attendance:** Tom McNulty, Sally Petrella, Paul Stark, Paul Schwab, Janice Slomba-Koss, Mary Oliver, Tamara Dyson, Chester Marvin, David Stephen, Lisa Goldsmith, Jasper Lindsay

**Minutes:** Accepted as read

**Treasurer's Report,** Chester Marvin: Total \$5546.92

**Membership Report,** Tom McNulty: 44 individual and family members, 6 organizations.

**President's Report,** Sally Petrella

**1. Rouge Park Update:** The city has pulled out old and damaged playground equipment and picnic tables from around the park.

**2. Sears Green Makeover Grant:** Sally submitted an application for a \$30,000 grant for park rehabilitation for Rouge Park.

**3. Incorporation of FORP.** Sally and Paula Trilety met with two pro bono lawyers. They are examining our by-laws and will help us with incorporation and with setting up a fiduciary agreement with the Friends of Eliza Howell Park. They will have a draft of both by May 11.

**4. Eliza Howell Park Update:** We had a great turnout for the April 3 clean-up at the park. On April 20 Sally, among others, gave a deposition to the lawyers in EH Park case.

**Old business**

**1. Meeting with the mayor.** Lisa G. contacted the mayor and asked for an appointment for us to meet with him at his office. We are waiting for his response.

**2. Membership drive.** Tom got quotes for printing and delivery of a promotional flyer for FORP. Stanley's circular delivery service offered \$730 for 5000 homes (about \$0.15 per home), \$1290 for 10,000 homes (about \$0.15 per home) on 40 lb. paper, 8x11, black print on any color paper, one-sided. After a long discussion Paul made a motion to have a simple flyer with basic information, a membership application, list of events and meeting times. Motion passed. Paul Stark will send info to T. McNulty's daughter to design the flyer. Paul Stark will figure which 5000 homes are closest to the park.

**New business**

**1. Rouge Park Appreciation Weekend:** This year's Saturday volunteer work day will run from 9am-Noon. Sally presented a draft of the resolution for Rouge Park Appreciation Weekend to the city council. It was unanimously approved. The city has told us that they can't provide us with a grill for our hot dogs because they don't have the staff to deliver it and pick it up from our event. Paul Schwab suggested renting a grill. Jasper offered to check if he can borrow one from the Boy Scouts. Tom M. stated that the grill must be at the site by 9:30am. The city also will not provide tents and picnic tables as they have for the last eight years. We will have to rent our own.

A. Volunteer work projects: Garlic pulls, Barn projects, Boy Scouts Camp-Out and building of a Scout Hollow campfire pit. Clearing out blind corner at Warren and bike path on the east side of the river, Plantings, mulching and weeding at the flower beds at Joy & W. Parkway and Warren and Outer Dr. D-Town farm is also planning a project. Sally will contact Greening for help in finding wood chips for the plantings. Tom M. will be in charge of the lunch.

B. Sunday activities: Detroit AeroModelers will be flying planes. Buffalo Soldiers will offer pony rides. We need to find out if Elite Archery will do an Archery demo, and if Michigan Mountain Biking Assoc. will offer a Mountain bike event, and if D-Town will offer an event.

**Next Meeting: Wed. May 19**