

Attendance (21 attendees):

Donulae Knuckles-Copeland (Well-Able Walkers), Taylor Smith, Roger Corpalongo-trustee, Sally Petrella-president, Paul Stark-secretary, Tom McNulty-trustee, Tim Kirsten, Sam Shopinski (National Kidney Foundation), Roger Cheek-membership chair, Tamara Dyson, Lorraine Harris, Arthur Edge-vice president, Crystal Estell-Clayton (Well-Able Walkers), Joe Matney & Barb Matney (WCO), Sarah West, Chester Marvin, Garrett Dempsey (Sierra Club), Lynn Hausch (WACO), Mick Jacobs (City of Detroit GSD), Vocile Vinson (WAW).

Treasurer's Report: (Chester Marvin) Kroger Community Awards, 26<sup>th</sup> check, 8<sup>th</sup> highest, \$71.10. Kresge donation check received for \$750.00. End of the fiscal year total: \$3,868.01.

Membership Report: (Roger Cheek) 24 ind/family and 10 organizational memberships.

City Parks & Rec. Department Update: There is a possibility that we may see a \$50,000 project for a picnic shelter at Cozy Corners funded through Wayne County.

President's report

1. Sally conducted a 10 minute invasive species of Rouge Park identification workshop covering purple loosestrife, garlic mustard, buckthorn, honeysuckle, phragmites
2. Greening of Detroit requested a meeting regarding a possible grant to attack invasive species in Rouge Park.
3. Lowe's "Keep America Beautiful" grant for up to \$20,000 is available. We are considering asking for the funds to pay a staff person for FORP.
4. Duggan rescheduled the tour for Aug. 24

Old Business

1. 2016 Parks & Rec Improvement Plan: Many people attended the Parck & Rec input meeting on July 13. Paul read aloud a draft of the letter response to 2016 Parks & Recreation Improvement Plan.
2. Stone Bridge Nature Trail Update: SCA students are removing buckthorn, spreading wood chips on the upland trail, installing ballards to keep ATV's out and cleaning the bridge. Sally & Julianna are making progress on designing the interpretive signs. MMBA fell through on helping to build a kiosk. Parkside Church volunteers will build it Aug. 11.
3. Scout Hollow Update: SCA students cleared the steps and began working on the nature trail. They also removed invasives. They will be working there until Aug. 11
4. GM volunteers: Beginning Aug. 15 they will be working in the Cody/Rouge area on Wed. - Fri. In Rouge Park they will be trimming overhanging growth over the paved bike trail and possibly building a small picnic shelter for the Stone Bridge Nature Trail.
5. Greening of Detroit/NPS (Aug. 2 - 6) will be trimming overhanging growth over the paved bike trail and working on the Joe Prance Park nature trail and maybe Prairie Pathway too!
6. Upcoming Park Events:
  - July 22: Family Fun Games (4:00-6:30) Splash Party (6:30-8:30) and Movie (9:00)
  - July 23: Stay Fit run/walk (40 registrants so far)
7. Bioswale Update: DWSD will be installing anti-vandalism features to the bio-swale.

Upcoming Park Events:

Wellness Well-Able Walkers: M, T & Th 6:30 . 8:00PM

July 5 . Aug. 11: SCA students working in Rouge Park M-Th

July 22: Splash Party and Movie night

July 23: Stay Fit Run/Walk

August 7: Butterfly Walk

August 23: Michigan Botanical Club Walk

Sept. 9: Stone Bridge Nature Trail Opening Ceremony

Meeting adjourned 7:30pm