

## Friends of Rouge Park - Meeting Minutes – July 17, 2018

Attendance (24 attendees): Chester Marvin (FOTR)-treasurer, Paul Stark-secretary, Sally Petrella-president, Roger Corpolongo, trustee, Tom McNulty-trustee, Sarah West, Tim Kirsten-DAM, Tamara Dyson, R Jesus McNair, Sam Shopinski-NKF, Jim Gallagher, Marty Bastien, Rachel Felder & Ana Quevedo-Detroit Outdoors, Peggy Dankert, Bob, Doris & Janet Dickhudt, Marleen White-Burt/Plymouth BC, Andrea Gallucci-GSD, Reggie Gaddies, Tommy McKinney-Elite Archery, Katie Little, Al Van Kerckove

Minutes from June were read and accepted.

Treasurer's Report for the period from June 19-July 17 (Chester Marvin)

Total income: \$85.00 in memberships, No expenses. Balance: \$8,549.56.

Membership Report: (Paula Trilety absent): One member renewed and no new members this month. Total members: 105. Total member organizations: 14.

### President's Report

1. The park is finally being mowed. The Prairie Pathway was mowed as well.
2. Several FORP members attended the Cody Rouge/Warrendale Community meeting on July 14 to choose contractors to do youth-focused improvements in housing, roads and parks in the area.
3. Peggy Dankert is setting up an information table for FORP at Wellness Fair in Livonia.
4. We are looking into either moving back to Don Bosco or to the former Sts. Peter & Paul Convent meeting room for our membership meetings this fall.
5. Our first newsletter was completed in time for distribution at Open Streets. Sam Shopinski, National kidney Foundation offered to make 250 copies for free. Thank you Sam.
6. The Porta-potty was stolen from the Stone Bridge Nature Trail

### Old Business

1. Open Streets is on for July 21 1-5pm. Friends of Rouge Park will be at Outer Drive and Tireman. 30-40 partners have been confirmed including nature walks, crafts, food trucks, games, a dance performance, DSO, yoga, etc.
2. Park & Rec Weekend July 20-22. Splash Party, Karaoke and Movie on Friday evening, 5K run Saturday morning and Jazz and Yoga Sunday morning. Volunteers are needed.
3. Sorensen Interpretive Historical Signage. Andrea Gallucci passed around samples of the interpretive signs for feedback. The project is on schedule to be completed this fall.
4. Construction on the improvements to Brennan and Sorensen Recreation Areas will begin in the fall.

### Scout Hollow Campground (Rachel Felder and Ana)

They distributed a new brochure with information on camping in Scout Hollow. 21 people have gone through the training so far. They have had several successful camping events so far this summer. In addition to learning to camp, youth have been working on the hiking trail and constructing bat boxes. Detroit Outdoors will have a table and a camping demonstration at Open Streets.

### Golf Camp Update

Fourteen children have registered for the Golf Camp this summer. The program is running smoothly.

### National Kidney Foundation Report (Sam Shopinski)

Sam has updated our brochure. He did not include a 2018 calendar of events so that they will remain usable into 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.