

Glen Ellyn Parks Foundation Meeting
Aka Friends of Glen Ellyn Parks Foundation
December 13, 2023
185 Spring Avenue
7:00 p.m
Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:07p.m.

Foundation Role Call

Present: Jonathan Huard, Kathy Cornell, Lisa Hepner, Susan Smentek, Stacey Lim, Nathan Troia, Dave Thommes, Tom Melms, Nick Cinquegrani

Not Present: Meaghan Yeh

Approval of April 23, 2023 Minutes

Election of new officers

Jonathan Huard, President - 3 year term

Kathy Cornell, Treasurer - 2 year term

Lisa Hepner, Secretary - 1 year

Motion for foundation name change

Motion to change name from Friends of Glen Ellyn Parks Foundation to Glen Ellyn Parks Foundation. Unanimous vote in favor of name change.

Motion to approve new articles of amendment

The revisions were changing the newly approved name throughout the document. Unanimous vote in favor of revised articles of amendment.

Old Business

-We now have online bank account

-\$178,000 was recently deposited from the Kokomo event, but \$114,000 was withdrawn for expenses for the event and other expenses from re-branding graphic art and state filing.

-Net proceeds from Kokomo are currently \$10,000 and there is another \$10,000 in-kind donation pending from Inspirato Travel

-Photos with Santa event went well and reviews were favorable. There was discussion about improvements that could be made (hot chocolate and snacks table)

New Business

-\$64,000 in bank account for beginning of 2024; compared to \$85,000 start of 2023

-Dates approved for 2024 meetings are as follows: 2/7/24; 4/3/24; 6/5/24; 8/7/24; 10/2/24; and 12/4/24

-A discussion ensued regarding holding one main fall event plus a few key events throughout the year. The boathouse is currently held for 10/18, 10/19 and 10/20 for a possible event (masquerade or Halloween type of event) Will discuss dates and themes at February meeting.

-Discussion about having different bank accounts delegated to scholarships and the downtown area and allowing people to designate their donations to one or the other. There was a discussion about recognizing donors through a plaque or bricks.

Other Matters

There was a Preservation update Churchill park renovation. Phase I (Parking lot and boardwalk) will begin in 2024 and will require fundraising. There is the capacity for a nature center to also be built in the area.

-There was a discussion of a fund for the trees - Girl Scout group donated \$1,500 for forestry fund to support the existing park district trees.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:35 p.m.