

Friends of Rouge Park Meeting
Mar. 19, 2008

Attendance: Paul Stark-Secretary, Sally Petrella-President, Thomas McNulty-Membership Chair, Chester Marvin-Treasurer, Eric Tomlinson-Elite Archery, Martin Siml-Detroit Police Athletic League, Boy Scouts

Minutes: accepted as read

Treasurer's Report-*Chester Marvin* Total: \$293.80 (after paying \$300 for 501c3)

Membership Report-*Tom McNulty.* 37 individual and family memberships and 6 organizational memberships: 43 total

Presidents Report-*Sally Petrella:*

- Sign update: New sign at Warren & Outer Dr. needs new tracks to hold letters. They have been ordered. Once done, we'll put up announcement for Rouge Park Appreciation Day.
- Skillman Foundation is still meeting regularly. We need our members to attend to show our support and promote Rouge Park.
- 501c3: We should have received our 501c3 by now, but they are taking longer than expected for no sensible reason.
- ATVs: We received an email complaint about ATVs in the park. We discussed passing the email on to the police and Mayor's office. Also discussed videotaping the ATVs and the lack of police response, and then sending it to the TV News.
- Eric Tomlinson suggested that organizational representatives that can't be present at meetings submit reports to be read at our meetings.
- Greening of Detroit has been approved to take over the nursery in Rouge Park and are advertising for a nursery manager
- We decided to invite city council members and planning commission to Rouge Park Appreciation Day.

Organizational Reports:

Elite Archery-*Eric Tomlinson:* Archery Tournament, July 19 and Sept. 6. First tournaments planned in Detroit in over 40 years! They are doing a fundraiser, selling coffee by the pound.

Detroit Police Athletic League-PAL/Boy Scouts-*Martin Siml:* PAL pulled permits for Warren and Pierson ball fields for the summer..

Rouge Park Appreciation Day

June 7, 2008

We have petition number form City Council (#2309), so permission is in process. Tom McNulty applied for health permit. If GLC grant comes through we are set for food and other costs, if not we'll need to do a fundraiser. We should know if we have the grant by

the end of March. Girl Scouts will participate. We haven't heard from Jasper about the Boy Scouts.

Projects:

Archery demonstration at Joy & Spinoza. Elite Archery: Eric Tomlinson
Flower planting along road going down to Archery range.

New Business:

McNulty suggested asking tunnel people to arrange to have soil from the digging dumped on old sledding hill to build it up, and draw attention to idea of rebuilding the Winter Sports Area.

Rouge 5K Run

No report-Di Allgood in China

April 2 Board Meeting postponed.

Next mtg 4/16/08: Focus on Rouge Park Appreciation Day