

## **Parkwood Garden Club Board Meeting Minutes**

### **April 11, 2017**

The April meeting of the Parkwood Garden Club Board was held at the home of Cindy Thigpen. The meeting was called to order by President Laura Thompson at 7:10.

Members present: Laura Thompson, Cindy Thigpen, Steve Elmore, Bolot Kerimbaev, Karna Candler.

A motion to approve the March 14, 2017 PGC Board meeting minutes was made by Karna and seconded by Cindy. The motion passed unanimously.

#### President's Report:

Laura reported that the By-Laws Committee had met and would require one more follow up meeting before presenting the revised By-Laws to the Board for approval.

Laura reported that the nomination committee had received confirmation from 5 Board members (Laura, Steve, Cindy, Madelyn and Karna) that they were willing to return in their current positions, however, these positions may change due to a revision of the Board framework in the new By-Laws. Since Susan Bennett has resigned due to her husband's health, Julie Lockhart has said she would be willing to take over the role of Secretary next year.

The annual meeting will be scheduled for Sunday, May 21 at 4:00 pm. We will plan to convene in the park on Sheri's Trail. If the weather is bad, we will meet in Karna's house, 220 Upland Rd. We are in discussions with arborist Neil Norton and Kathryn Kolb, Director of Eco Addendum, about leading a guided naturalist walk through the park at the conclusion of the meeting. If they can do it at the above time, the PGC will make \$100 donation to Eco Addendum, an educational organization concerned with native ecology, as a thank you for their service.

Laura has still not received a response from City Manager, Peggy Merris concerning the extra charge (a City of Decatur tax) on the Georgia Power bills for the homes annexed into the city. Residents feel that the charge was not computed on the correct dates. Laura and Steve both have been frustrated with Georgia Power's lack of response and were hoping that Peggy would be able to communicate with them and resolve the problem of the miscalculated charge.

#### Treasurer's Report:

See attached reports.

Steve reported that South Fork is operating under a new computer system and that it has the balance of funds available to the PGC as \$41.00 more than our records show. Steve has emailed the Executive Director, Kimberly Estep, in hopes that they can reconcile their figures and arrive at an agreed upon balance. Though the difference was to our benefit, Steve felt that it was in everyone's best interest to have the correct figure.

Communications:

Nothing to report.

Membership:

We have new neighbors at 416 W Parkwood Rd., Ernest and Laurie Clarke, and their two children.

Parkwood Park:

Karna reported that Tami Leitch of Leitch Landscaping said that the cost per visit to maintain the perimeter of the park was going to increase from \$185/visit for 20 visits a year, to \$250/visit. The increase would come to \$5000 annually to maintain the park. Steve and Karna solicited bids from two other services:

1. Arturo Garcia will do the job for \$200/visit every two weeks except January and February for an annual cost of approximately \$4600.
2. Ejidio will do the job for \$340/month, visiting every two weeks or \$4080 for 26 visits and automatic annual rollover.

The Park Committee felt that Ejidio was the best option being only \$380 more than we are currently paying Tami for 20 visits and it includes an additional 6 visits annually. Steve is familiar with Ejidio's work and highly recommends him.

Steve reported that as a result of the storm last week, there is a poplar that fell, but was caught in the branches of a neighboring tree. At some point in the future, it looks as though the tree will fall to the ground inside the park, parallel to E Parkwood and away from any trails, so a decision was made to just keep an eye on it.

Civic:

Nothing to report.

Discussion:

Karna suggested that we postpone organizing a traffic committee until right before the school year (late July.) With summer fast upon us, she felt that the timing as far as traffic patterns and securing volunteers was not optimal.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karna Candler

