

**Loring Greenway Association
Board Meeting Minutes
Annual meeting
February 8, 2023
Zoom Meeting**

Board Members Present: John VanHeel, Laura Mattson, Lee Frelich, Mary Maier, Richard Anderson, Gay Russell-Dempsey, Sue Jones, Merry Keefe, Judy Tucker

Board Members Absent: Maureen Meier

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 5:20 by John VanHeel.

Board Administration and Annual Meeting:

- *Agenda Approval:* The Agenda distributed by John by email on February 3 was approved without changes.
- *Prior Minutes Approval:* Minutes of the meeting held on December 14, 2022 were approved with an explanatory comment as to the award history of the Greenway referenced in the minutes. The complete details of the number and name of the awards won by the Greenway can be found in the 2022 Annual Report.
- *Board (Directors) Election:* John introduced the Board election process. Nick Deacon will not remain on the Board due to time constraints. Mary Maier, John VanHeel and Merry Keefe have each completed their 2-year terms and are willing to continue to serve on the Board. This slate of candidates for seats on the Board was moved, seconded and approved with the result that Mary Maier, John VanHeel and Merry Keefe have been elected to new 2-year Board terms.
- *Officers Election:* With the new Board members duly elected, the election of officers took place. The current officers are John VanHeel (President), Laura Mattson (Vice President), Richard Anderson (Treasurer) and Maureen Meier (Secretary). All are willing to serve an additional term. This slate of officers having been duly moved, seconded and approved, these individuals were elected to another term in their respective offices. John explained that Maureen needs to step aside from her duties as Board Secretary temporarily while she attends to family concerns. Judy Tucker will act as a temporary Secretary until Maureen is able to resume her duties.
- *Budget Discussion:* There was discussion of the 2023 budget. It is difficult to craft a budget without information on the pricing for plants ordered for spring delivery. Mary reported that she anticipates that the Garden Committee will need to spend more due to inflation but they have not finished putting together the order yet. Laura expressed concerns from the fundraising side. For now, last year's budget will be used as a guide for 2023 and the impact of inflation will be assessed once the plant orders have been placed.
- *Treasurer's Report:* Richard gave the Treasurer's report. The figures were sent by email on February 7. Richard reports that LGA has a healthy balance of approximately \$87,000 with no outstanding expenses currently and none expected until spring. Approval of the Treasurer's report was moved, seconded and carried.

Committee Reports

Committee Chairs Selected:

Committees for 2023: All committee chairs from 2022 will continue to chair their committees in 2023, with the addition of Judy Tucker as Chair of the Events Committee. Acceptance of the committee chairs for 2023 was moved, seconded and approved.

Garden Committee (Mary): Bryan Winick will continue landscaping. Summer (our gardener) is working together with Mary on the plant order, ordering from both Gertens and Wagners. The vendors will deliver plants on May 18 and 19 (Thursday and Friday) with planting scheduled for Saturday, May 20. Delivery will be onto the Greenway this year due to work at LGE this year. Summer is to submit the orders around February 15 and then will get solid information about costs. LGE will offer its residents (and LGA Board members) a presentation on April 22 on "Art of the Greenway." Laura and John have copies of another earlier presentation on the Greenway that could be offered at other buildings on the Greenway.

Trees Committee (Lee): 2023 will be a low cost year since ash trees are treated in alternating years and 2023 is the year off. The trees on the lower end of the Greenway will be fertilized in 2023.

Infrastructure Committee (John and Richard): The Public Works assessment is supposed to take place this summer. This assessment is the biggest 2023 infrastructure event, but there is no guarantee that Public Works will complete it this year. The "refresh" of the Greenway is stated for 5 to 7 years in the future. In 2022 the LGA put winter lights on the railings at the Hyatt. In order put the lights in the trees in 2023, the budget will need about \$2500. Also, additional funds will be needed for signage. Several thousand dollars may be needed for a possible skateboard deterrent that John is still exploring. Plans for repair of tables and chairs are not known at present.

Fundraising Committee (Laura): John expressed appreciation for the newsletter and noted that Laura's work on fundraising is very time consuming.

Events Committee (Judy): Some low cost events/activities aimed at adult residents, dog owners and children will be planned for 2023. This will allow the LGA to assess interest in events and activities after the hiatus from events for the last few years. A budget of about \$1500 -\$2000 will be required.

Recognition of Margy Troje-Meade

The Board noted the death in January of former Board member Margy Troje-Meade and plans recognition of Margy and her husband Mike for their contributions to the Greenway.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 6:43.

Next Board Meeting: April 12, 2023

Judy Tucker
Temporary Secretary