**Westgrove PACK Board Meeting Minutes**

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**Board Meeting**

**February 17, 2016**

**Meeting called to order at 5 PM by Chair Kathy Seikel**

**Members of the board present:**

Kathy Seikel, Jeff Pandin, Megan Kesling, Melissa Pandin, Barry Spangler, Michelle Randall (interim at-large), Sean Fitzpatrick, and Jan Speakman

**Welcome & Updates**

Kathy Seikel, Chair, calls the meeting to order and updates the board on the meeting scheduled next week with Dan Stork, our new Mt. Vernon Supervisor. Kathy, Nancy Urban, and Barry Spangler will be meeting with Dan Stork Thursday, February 24 to discuss the future of the park, and specifically the status of bringing water to the park. In addition to water, the board members meeting with Dan Stork will also discuss the crumbling asphalt at the entrance of the park, the holes at the storm drains, potholes, and creating an MOU (memorandum of understanding) to define the public/private partnership between the PACK and Fairfax County Park Authority.

Kathy introduces Michelle Randall to the board; Michelle has volunteered to fill the vacant at large seat on the board.

**Treasurer’s Report**

The PACK has $10,044.50 in the bank. We have 17 sustaining caretakers (caretakers who contribute $20 monthly to the PACK) and 112 caretakers who have paid their 2016 dues. The only expenses incurred at the moment are PayPal fees. The PACK has signed up for Amazon Smile, the fundraising arm of [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) -- Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to the PACK when you select the PACK as the non-profit of choice when you use Amazon.

**Turf Maintenance**

At the moment, the turf in the south end of the park is too wet for seeding. Once the turf has dried out this spring, Brian Stokes will begin seeding for the season. Our turf is in much better condition this year, it is expected the south end of the park will open up in late spring or early summer.

**Fundraising**

The next Caretaker Saturday will be in April, the casual weekend fundraisers have been a huge success. In addition to caretaker Saturdays, the PACK is exploring selling ad space at the park. The proposed ad space will be placed on the fence separating the north and south end of the park. The vinyl signs (two signs -- one on each side of the fence) are 4x8, recommended by a member of the PACK who has had success with vinyl sign advertising at her community pool. The signs are fastened with plastic ties and are easy to have printed once advertisers are secured.

**Beautification and shade**

The trees planted for the Eagle Scout project are doing well, having survived a rainy December and the recent blizzard. The next projects planned are purchasing a shed and installing pavers in the park.

**Upcoming dates:**

February 24 PACK board meeting with Dan Stork

March 16 PACK board meeting

April TBD Westgrove PACK General meeting

**Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm**