

SPAC Action List

Things to address ASAP or before the next SPAC meeting.

Elizabeth McManus	Elizabeth will develop a email mailing list as part of the SPAC website. All emails sent by the SPAC will contain a notice at the bottom of the email detailing how to unsubscribe from the list.
Mary Rodriguez	Lunch will be provided to the Sauganash Park staff during a Friday staff meeting to show SPAC appreciation of all that they do for our community. Mary will look into the possible problems associated with the Edgebrook Park style of baseball backstop before committing to moving one to Sauganash Park.
Michelle Baldwin	CPD has committed to buying 4 purple gym mats for Sauganash Park. Michelle will consult with the SPAC on a date for a teen dance to be run by Sauganash Park. Michelle is searching for grants for her 'green roof' project. Michelle is requesting quotes to repair the tennis courts that were damaged last summer. Michelle will investigate a removable rim basketball hoop.
Don Kibort	Piano subcommittee meeting planned to recruit new members, develop a website and facebook page. Don will alert us when he has dates for fundraising events. Don will investigate a seed grant available through Friend of the Park.
All	Michelle asked the members of the SPAC to contact the police department and request officer Tom Norberg be placed back on the Sauganash Park beat. The SPAC will form a subcommittee to choose future park capital improvements.

Future Action List

Things on the radar, but we are not ready to move on them yet.

Michelle Baldwin	Michelle will send out an email to her list of all of the people that sign-up for Sauganash Park classes detailing how to subscribe to the SPAC email list.
Mary Rodriguez	The Sauganash Community Association and the ESAA will be asked to send an email to their lists detailing how to subscribe to the SPAC email list.



Minutes of the Sauganash Park Advisory Council Meeting
Thursday, January 27, 2011

Present:

Mary Rodriguez, *President*
MaryAnne Newman, *Secretary*
Vicki Panoutsos, *Treasurer*

Michelle H. Baldwin,
Sauganash Park Supervisor

Colleen Gallagher,
Area 4 Manager, North Region

Vickie Colla
Elaine Fitzgerald
Eileen Hayes
Erin Gavric
Don Kibort
Mary Malloy
Cathy Mullen

Excused Absences:

Connie Dare, *Vice President*
Elizabeth McManus, *IT Coordinator*
MaryBeth Jirgal

Meeting called to order at 7:09PM.

I. Review and Approve Minutes

The minutes from the September 2010 SPAC meeting were accepted with one change as follows:

The gym is used for leagues on Friday evenings, not tournaments.

II. Reports/updates:

a. SPAC Chair

Mary Rodriguez, President

1. Boys' floor hockey tournament

Sauganash Park took 2nd place city-wide in December

2. SPAC Holiday soccer tournament

This program was a resounding success with 162 children participating and over 200 volunteer hours donated by SPAC and local community members.

3. FOTP membership

SPAC has joined Friends of the Park.
The Park Advocacy Conference is on March 19th.

4. Earth Day – April 16th

SPAC will participate in and help promote a park cleanup day.

b. SPAC Finances

Vicki Panoutsos, SPAC Treasurer, reported the following:

The SPAC Holiday Soccer Tournament made 1,322.62.

The SPAC bank account holds \$1,729.13.

The SPAC committed to buying 4 purple gym mats for the park with proceeds from the Holiday Soccer Tournament. Mary Rodriguez has obtained an estimate of \$863.16 for the mats. The Park District committed to buying an additional 4 purple gym mats for Sauganash Park. Colleen Gallagher doesn't know when the money will come through to order them. Vickie Colla commented that, in past years, this kind of money was usually available around February 1st.

Mary Rodriguez has obtained a ride-on toy for the park and many board games have been donated directly to Michelle Baldwin.

The SPAC will form a subcommittee to choose future park capital improvements.

c. CPD Partnership Requests

MaryAnne Newman, SPAC Secretary, reported the following:

1. Game Night Partnership

The Game Night Partnership Proposal was submitted on May 13, 2010 and approved on September 3rd, 2010.

Game nights are scheduled the fourth Friday of each month from 6-9 PM, January 28, February 25, March 25, April 29, May 20, June 24, July 22, and August 26.

2. Craft Night Partnership

The Craft Night Partnership Proposal was approved on May 6th, 2010.

Game nights are scheduled the second and fourth Monday of each month from 5:30-8:30 PM. The dates for this ongoing partnership are as follows: Jan. 24, Feb. 14 & 28, March 7 & 21.

Michelle will send an email blast to promote this event and ask ESAA to do the same.

3. Family Fun Night Partnership

The Family Fun Night Partnership Proposal was approved on September 3rd, 2010 for one year. In January of 2011, the Park District instructed that we must submit a new partnership for 2011. It was submitted on January 13, 2011. Colleen Gallagher expected approval in "a couple of weeks."

Family Fun Night has been scheduled for Saturday mornings. She advised that Friday evenings were not always possible since the Gym would be used for leagues. She promised to schedule a family fun night whenever there was an open Friday night.

Michelle Baldwin claimed there was to be a family Fun Night on October 29, 2010, and she scheduled employees to work it. No one came. When pressed Michelle amended this, stating that she was unsure if there was to be a Family Fun Night event that night or not. [After the SPAC meeting Mary Rodriguez retrieved and forwarded an email sent to Michelle that clearly showed the SPAC declined to hold a Family Fun Night on this date due to the Halloween weekend.]

4. Big Band Partnership

The Big Band Partnership Proposal was submitted on March 25, 2010 and approved in either August or September.

d. IT Committee

Photos of the Holiday Soccer Tournament have been added to the web site.

e. Piano Fundraising Committee

Don Kibort, Piano Committee Chair

Subcommittee meeting this week. Working on recruiting new members, a website and facebook page. Don will alert us when he has dates for fundraising events.

Mary suggested Don apply for a seed grant available through Friend of the Park.

f. Sauganash Neighbors for a New Park

It was reported that a camera has been installed at the playground, but Michelle had no knowledge of this. Signs alerting patrons to the presence of a camera have not been installed.

g. Sauganash Community Association

No report

h. Other community representatives

No report

i. Park Supervisor's Report

Michelle H. Baldwin, Sauganash Park Supervisor, reported the following:

The Sauganash Woman's club and the two area Community Associations have secured meeting areas outside the park district.

Michelle advised that she needs to attend CPD Budget Hearings if we are going to attend. She informed the SPAC that she incurred overtime to attend the last hearing because she thought we might be there. The SPAC advised Michelle that she was more than welcome ask the SPAC about its plans in the future.

Michelle asked the members of the SPAC to contact the police department and request officer Tom Norberg be placed back on the Sauganash Park beat.

Michelle advises that the Chicago Public Schools have an intergovernmental agreement with the CPD. Any 'Request for Partnership' submitted by the schools is just for tracking usage of the parks. Sauganash Park Gym is restricted for use every Saturday from 12:30-4:00, January through March, for Edgebrook and Sauganash CPS Basketball Games.

Open gym will be held at Sauganash Park every Saturday from 9:30-11:30, during the months of January, February and March. Parents do not have to attend open gym.

Michelle is a member of a CPD committee meeting to better manage the way partnerships are processed. We are 'waiting for the policy to come down.' Colleen Gallagher advises that that the 'obliqueness will be removed' from the partnership process and that 'the draft is on the superintendent's desk.'

Friday nights will have a soccer league from 6-8 pm and dodgeball class from 8-8:45.

ESAA will sponsor a movie night at the park in late June with the band playing before the movie starts.

j. Area Manager's Report

No report.

IV. Unfinished Business

a. Teen initiative/dance

A teen dance will be run by Sauganash Park. The SPAC will be consulted on the date.

Friday March 25th will be a Teen/Tween night at the park with an open gym and a pizza party. The SPAC will supply pizza and soft drinks, and help distribute flyers prepared by Michelle.

b. Garden partnership / triangle mosaic

Sandra Estrada has moved out of the area. Michelle intends to proceed with her mosaic and park landscaping projects.

c. Green roof

Michelle is still searching for grants for her 'green roof' project.

d. Tennis courts and basketball hoop/multi-use 'Sport' court

Michelle informed us that she had just requested quotes to repair the tennis courts that were damaged last summer.

The basketball hoop is down. Michelle has submitted a request for a sport court for the basketball court area. Michelle will investigate a removable rim basketball hoop.

e. Baseball backdrops

It is possible that there will be a baseball backdrop available when Edgebrook school begins its addition. They will be losing one diamond to make room for additional classrooms. Vickie Colla said the backdrop could be moved over to Sauganash Park. Vickie also suggested the SPAC look into the possible problems associated with this style of backdrop before committing to the move.

V. New Business

a. Field Museum – Dr. Bulkan

Looking for focus groups to alert homeowners to grants available to make their homes more energy efficient.

b. Wishlist

The SPAC will form a subcommittee to choose future park capital improvements.

c. Junior Citizen Award

Joseph Sadofski and Sawsan Al-ali have relieved the Junior Citizen Award from Sauganash Park. They will go to regional finals and hopefully advance to the city wide level where they could be eligible for scholarships.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 PM.

Next meeting will be Thursday, March 24 at 7:00 PM at Sauganash Park.

Elections will be held.