

Western Grove Friends Group Meeting Minutes  
February 26, 2019

Dear Committee,

We had an excellent meeting last night. We agreed that we should hold a spring event in the park to honor our donors with naming rights, and to celebrate and highlight the special qualities of the park.

Some suggestions were that we ask an environmentalist, perhaps someone from Audubon, to talk about the importance of parks like Western Grove, and/or that we invite local restaurants to provide food and refreshments.

We are working on a date—either at the end of April or sometime in May. Ellen Sands is working on finding a good date. I will be sending more information soon.

**Before we can host an event in the park, the park must be complete.**

**Here's what needs to be done ASAP:**

1. **Plaques**—All that is left to be done is for the carver to carve the plaques. This may happen as early as this week. One of her associates will meet the carver at the park to clarify the specifications. Lila Fendrick is in charge of the plaques.
2. **Repair of Fountain**—Linda Komes is checking with the mason on the scheduling of the repair of the fountain. The repair will take approximately two weeks, and it must be done in good weather. The goal is to have the repair completed by the end of March.
3. **Repair of Drinking Fountain**—Ellen Sands is checking to see if the drinking fountain is now working.
4. **Landscaping**—Linda Komes wants to work on the grass, and to talk to our group about adding birdhouses. Two of three magnolias have been replaced. So far a third suitable specimen has not been identified. Maybe use a different kind of tree?

We need to add plantings to hide the electrical boxes. The park has been very wet, due to the extraordinary amount of rain and snow recently. There was discussion about a rain garden in the swale to address the water problem. We also discussed added plantings to attract butterflies, perhaps in the children's play area, and adding bulbs throughout the park.

5. **Spring Event**—Ellen Sands is checking the calendar re potential dates at the end of April or in early May. There are many events at that time of year, so finding an open date may be difficult.

Please let me know your thoughts. I will be back in touch soon.

Best,  
Meredith