

**Fiddlers Green Park Association Minutes**  
**January 4, 2016**

Meeting called to order by President Paul Eiholzer at 7:08 PM at the Half Moon Bakery. Present were Paul and Sue Eiholzer, Bob Hopkins Jr., Jerry Aloï, Matt Titus, Greg Titus, Kay Keough and guests Bev Miller and Bob Tartakoff. Minutes were read and corrected by changing "liaison to the Town Board rather than our". Minutes passed. Treasurer's report given by Bob Hopkins. We have \$11,400.89. The Fall event cost approximately \$348.00. Treasurer's report accepted.

Paul reported that the North Street property according to Ed Michelanko is 99% good.

Paul said he and Ron Alexander will be replacing the broken glass on the kiosk as soon as the weather improves.

Ed will check on snowplowing during the winter for our parking area.

501c3 - Mike Moracco is working on this. We must be incorporated then apply for this status. Without it we pay sales tax. We need new by-laws so committee will be Jerry Aloï, Greg Titus, and Paul Eiholzer to meet at a future date.

Facebook page: 3 likes average per week. Jean Polly put a nice video on it.

Sue showed us the membership letter to be sent out. Several corrections were mentioned so she will redo those and email it to the board for approval.

Suggestions for the Park:

Do we want an event this year? (Sue)

Wood chips from dead trees? (Bob T.)

Clean up event? (Greg)

Put sign in Kiosk about any problems like limbs down in the Park (Sue)

Historical pamphlet in back of Kiosk along with park map covered in Plexiglas.

Where is the "green" (Bob T.)

Clearing (Bob T.) Paul talked to Ed and Dale Lonagan (head of parks) about clearing and it doesn't seem to be on the agenda.

Jean Polly would like to name the trails. (Sue)

Large map with trail distances (Matt)

Nature Walk - attract school groups (Jerry)

Sign in sheet at entrance for visitors (Sue)

Deeper parking in lot for more cars (Matt)

Sign on North Street and Seneca Tnpk. (Sue)

Make sure it is on "Google" map (Sue)

Articles in local publications like Eagle Bulletin and Hamlet (Sue)

Split rail fences on top and bottom parking lots (Jerry)

Stock with trout through Trout Unlimited - Anthony Hyatt (Jerry)

Do we want to give CPF (Council of Park Friends) a donation? (Greg) Sue will talk to Martha Lowe, the President. All agreed on \$50.00 if Martha approves.

North of the Park belongs to the Town. Ed would like to connect all to DeWitt through trails.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kay Keough

Fiddlers Green Park Association Minutes  
February 1, 2016

Meeting called to order by Paul Eiholzer at 7:05 PM at the Half Moon Bakery. Present were Paul and Sue Eiholzer, Bob Hopkins Jr., Jerry Aloï, Matt Titus, Greg Titus and guests Bev Miller and Jean Polly. Minutes were read as amended. Minutes passed. Treasurer's report given by Bob Hopkins. We have \$11,375.89. We have 1 new member with 3 from December for 2016. Expenses were the \$50 check to Friend of Clark Reservation. Treasurer's report accepted.

Paul reported on follow up from the January meeting:

Conversation with Ed Michalenko, DeWitt Town Supervisor:

North Street property is in hands of county which is straightening out some legal issue before turning over to Nature Conservancy who will turn over to Town of DeWitt. May cost town more than just taxes. May be CNY Land Trust.

Upper parking lot should be plowed. He'll check.

Dale Longdon, Superintendent of Parks, is the person to talk to about park issues including chipping wood from downed trees and removing hanging limbs. Dale has indicated a willingness to do these things in the past. Let Paul know if there are trees/limbs that need attention.

If we design signs for Seneca Turnpike and North street and get them made, the town will install them.

Ed will check into the feasibility of expanding the lower parking lot. It may be possible to park along Solvay Rd.

He does not see that fitting into current land but would consider on new land.

Building a pavilion can be considered. Make a proposal.

Activities suggested that were put into motion:

Bev Miller will look into possibility of a Nature Walk and organize it

Bob Tartakoff agreed to organize an effort to remove poison ivy

Greg Titus will move forward with a historical display and Plexiglas to cover for the kiosk

Sue Eiholzer and Jean Polly will organize names for the trails to add to the map with distances and signage

Bev Miller and Sue Eiholzer will organize outreach to local groups

Jean Polly and Sue Eiholzer will continue to think about FGPA Facebook page improvements

Jean asked about the address for the park to get it on Google. She will look into how to get an address.

Items to discuss and/or take action on in future

Getting on Google maps – Jean will check on

Sign in sheets

Kiosk will be finished when weather permits

General clean up event – maybe April, possibly a general sprucing up

Future community event – maybe in the spring of 2017? Maybe consult with DeWitt Parks and Rec

Split rail fence at both entrances – Paul will check on pricing. Greg suggested design from J'ville history.

Promotion with Eagle Bulletin, Hamlet, Rec Dept publications – roll into Sue & Bev promoting to organization

Web site improvements – send suggestions to Paul

Boundary marking – set as North Street property is transferred

Paul Eiholzer discussed moving forward on getting a 501c3 designation.

Jerry, Greg and Paul made some modification. Reviewed. We discussed changes and necessities for getting a 501c3. Jerry suggested letting someone look over the papers when they are done. Reviewed Constitution and discussed. Paul, Jerry and Greg will review, send out to board and present finish copy next month.

Several suggestion were made including not putting an apostrophe in Fiddlers Green.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 by acclimation.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Eiholzer, acting Recording Secretary

## Fiddlers Green Park Association Minutes – 3/7/2016

Attending: Paul Eiholzer, Greg Titus, Bev Miller, Bob Hopkins, Jerry Aloï, Sue Eiholzer, Jean Polly

Minutes of last meeting-

Bullet point “He does not see that fitting into current land but would consider on new land.” He refers to Ed Michaelenko and it refers to a meadow area.

Approved as clarified.

Financial report

Account balance as of 2/29/16 is \$12,496.02 with income in 2016 of \$1,200 and expenses of \$104.87 most of which were related to the fall event. Report accepted.

Since Bob H. monitors the post office box, he shared a letter to FGPA from Margaret Abigail Shaw expressing compliments on the park and a concern about man who parks in the lower lot. Board has discussed this individual before. He has done nothing to harm anyone but his continual presence is uncomfortable to some visitors to the park. Since it is a public park and he has done nothing illegal, there are limited actions which can be taken. Paul will respond to her and pass the concern on to the town.

Additional letter from new member, Sandy Kominski, complimented the park and volunteered to help with clean up.

New Board Members. After a canvass of the board resulted in only the one objection to moving forward on adding new board members at this time, Paul welcomed Bev Miller and Bob Tartakoff. Although Jean Polly has chosen not to officially be a member, she would like to attend meetings and help with projects.

Paul is talking to Dale Longen, Park Superintendent, about signs for Seneca Turnpike and North Street directing people to FGP. TofD is in the process of designing standardized signs to install in various places in town. He will get back to Paul as things move forward.

Bev Miller has contacted Don Leopold from ESF about leading a nature walk. He is willing dependent on date. Discussed April or May as possible dates. Bev would like to have someone go with she and Don on a walk through before the walk is scheduled.

Greg waiting for warm weather to move forward on installing history exhibit on back side of kiosk.

Jean Polly has been posting pictures of the park on FGPA Facebook page and will continue. People are commenting, visiting and liking.

501c3 update

We do have corporation status. Name contained a “ ’ ” and Paul has applied for a change and then will continue with moving forward with 501c3. Jerry asked for a decision on whether we want to follow By-Laws. That discussion was tabled until the next next month.

Jean Polly has succeeded in getting FGP on the google map. She is working on straightening out the address. She shared various aspects of this challenge with the board.

Bev Miller and Sue Eiholzer have developed a plan to reach out to community. Bev working to get description updated on the DeWitt web site and other official site and publications. Descriptions identify FGP as a passive park? No one had any idea what that means. Barb Sleight is conducting a Folk March at FGP at 8:30 am on April 23.

There has been no progress on improving Park Map this month.

Matt Titus reported that someone has been picking up brush and stacking it in piles. Matt also mentioned some cleared spots off a trail.

As FGPA representative to the committee working on plans for the Old Fire House, he reported on meeting held recently. They continue to move forward. Working on several stage grant for structural feasibility study. Ideas shared about how the building would be used.

Greg Titus inquired as to whether the Geocaching box is still in the park

Jerry Aloï reported that he will be attending a meeting Friday of the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program.

Meeting adjourned. (Sorry I don't know the time.)

Respectfully submitted: Sue Eiholzer

Fiddlers Green Park Association  
Monday, April 4, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:02 P.M. at the Half Moon Bakery by Paul Eiholzer.

Present were Paul and Sue Eiholzer, Bob Hopkins, Jr., Bob Tartakoff, Matt Titus, Jerry Aloï, Bev Miller, and Kay Keough

Minutes read. Bob T. asked about the ' in Fiddlers and explained that it was taken out. Minutes approved.

Financial report by Bob H. We have \$12,546.02. with 58 renewals. He will make a spread sheet history of who donated over the years.

- Paul has not heard back from Dale about the signs.
- Bev has been passing out brochures. She has organized a Nature Walk with Don Leopold from SUNY ESF on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 P.M. She will be sending out publicity to Eagle Bulletin, Hamlet, Facebook, etc. Diane (next door at Moose Bears) has charge of sign in Jamesville. Voted that Bev will have \$50 to buy refreshments for this event.
- Bob T. is willing to help on clearing out the poison ivy. We need to identify early and cut early so there is no danger. We will concentrate along the trails first.
- Park clean-up: limb pile needs to be removed. Matt will check with the Scouts to see if they have time to help. If we move it to the street, the Town of DeWitt will pick it up.
- Google map: Jean Polly got the park put on the Google map. The address is 4691 Solvay Road, Jamesville, NY 13078
- FGPA bylaws: We will have a public meeting on May 2, 2016. Paul will send out postcards to the membership to inform them of this meeting. This was voted on and passed.
- The agenda for this meeting will be:
  1. Welcome - Paul
  2. Introduce Board members – Paul
  3. History and activities – Jerry
  4. Status of Park today (Google, property, etc.) - Paul
  5. Current and future activities – Matt
  6. Open micIt will be held at the Museum and refreshments will be provided.
- We need to have rotating 2 year term for Board Members. Kay, Bob H., and Matt will be for 1 year and Greg, Jerry and Paul will be for 2 years. Bob T. and Bev are also new so will be for 2 years. Sue E. has decided to resign from the Board so we will need a Corresponding Secretary. Paul will add this to the postcards. Paul will talk to Ed and Greg about their positions.
- Jerry asked Bob T. to look at the by-laws as Recording Secretary is not on the executive board and should be.
- Jerry and Paul would both like to be Executive Director. It was agreed that Paul will do it for 1 more year and then Jerry would like to come back as Director.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kay Keough  
Recording Secretary

**Fiddlers Green Park Association Annual Meeting**  
**May 2, 2016**  
**7:00 P.M. Jamesville Community Museum**

Meeting called to order by Executive Director Paul Eiholzer. Present were: Paul Eiholzer, Jerry Aloï, Bob Tartakoff, Matt Titus, Bev Miller, Sandy and Craig Kominoski, Bob Hopkins, and Kay Keough.

- Jerry clarified that Paul's term is 2 years but in 1 year his position might end as Jerry would like to return as Director.
- Following Board accepted: Paul Eiholzer – Executive Director (2 yrs.)

Gerald Aloï – Vice Executive Director (2 yrs.)

Bob Hopkins – Treasurer (1 yr.)

Kay Keough- Recording Secretary (1 yr.)

Bev Miller- Corresponding Secretary (2 yrs.)

Directors: Ed Michalenko (2 yrs.)

Bob Tartakoff (2 yrs.)

Greg Titus (2 yrs.)

Matt Titus (1 yr.)

Open (2 yrs.)

- By laws: 1. Change Recording Secretary to Executive Board
- 2. Article VI: Add recording Secretary and Treasurer to Nominating committee
- 3. Bob T. questioned the purpose of the Park. The wording indicates a large parcel of land as in Hamlet of Jamesville. He will rework the wording and email to Jerry and Paul.
- Minutes ok'd
- Treasurer's Report: 60 renewals and have \$12,262.67 presently (2 new renewals not in this) Accepted.
- Bob T. asked if we can provide a map of who owns what at and near the Park
- Bev reported that on May 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 P.M. Don Leopold will be at the Park to give a nature walk and talk. Publicity by emails, The Hamlet newsletter and Facebook. Paul will be there early to meet Don. We need a garbage can and recycling bin as Bev will be bringing refreshments.
- Bob T. reported on poison ivy clearing he performed. Orange flagging on trees indicate poison ivy there and yellow flagging indicates the poison ivy has been removed. He uses Technu which he purchased at Ace Hardware in Manlius to help not get poison ivy while removing it.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kay Keough

**Fiddlers Green Park Association**  
**June 6, 2016 Minutes**

President Paul Eiholzer called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM at the Half Moon Bakery. Present were Matt Titus, Paul Eiholzer, Bev Miller, Bob Tartakoff and Kay Keough.

- Bev Miller reported on the walk with Don Leopold on May 15<sup>th</sup>. He was wonderful but turnout was not good(5 people) . Very disappointing but he is willing to come back again.
- Matt suggested that we take one day per month to check the park and do whatever work needs to be done. We later decided to start this during the summer months when we have no meetings. We will do the first Monday in July at 6:30 PM and Paul will send an email to the membership about this new initiative.
- Bob asked for any updates on poison ivy. None available.
- Minutes were read and okay'd
- Financial report read. Only change was in date from 2015 to 2016. Okay'd.
- Signs – Nothing yet so Paul will send an email to the Town of DeWitt Park Superintendent.
- A Folk March took place on April 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Park. There were about 8 – 10 people.
- Paul reported that the glass is back in the front of the kiosk. It is ready for signs and pictures.
- Bob T. is working on rewriting the purpose of the Park.
- The North Street property is in a land trust now so as soon as the person is evicted it can be turned over to the Town at which point the Town can turn it over to FGPA.
- Next meeting will be Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Half Moon Bakery.
- Minutes adjourned at 7:50 PM by President Paul Eiholzer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kay Keough

# **Fiddlers Green Park Association Minutes of the Board of Directors**

Monday October 3, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM at Half Moon Bakery by President Paul Eiholzer

**Present** were Paul Eiholzer, Jerry Aloi, Matt Titus, Bob Hopkins, Jr., and Bob Tartakoff.

**Minutes:** As this was the first meeting of the season (the last official meeting was held in June) and the recording secretary was not present, minutes of previous meeting were not read.

**Financial Report:** Bob Hopkins stated that the financial status of the Association is virtually the same as last spring with only minor changes.

**Park Liability:** How liable is FGPA for perceived negligence which may result in accidents to public individuals who use the park? Examples of this might be tripping over an exposed tree root on a path, someone touching poison ivy in the park which results in a severe reaction, someone getting cut by glass or other sharp material which may have been discarded by other individuals, etc. Discussion concluded that we need clarification in this matter and that we should send a letter to the Town of Dewitt attorney.

**Markos Bar/Grill:** Jerry reported that this property is up for sale by the owner and that it may be possible to secure the property for the park through a (*state, federal ?*) grant. The addition of this property would be very desirable for Fiddlers Green as it would add a portion of the west side of Butternut Creek to our property boundary. Jerry has been working with Bob Catney on this application. Bob is currently the president of the Jamesville Historical Society. We will know if this grant application has been accepted sometime in November.

**Reunion Event:** Jerry Aloi and Bob Catney have been discussing a combined Jamesville Historical Society <> FGPA event for the Jamesville community. The goal is to promote Fiddlers Green as both a desirable and historical park, especially for future visions and land use by the Hamlet of Jamesville. Although everyone was enthusiastic about the event it was decided to hold off voting on the matter until next meeting when there should be more members of the board to discuss the event.

**FG Park Matters: Note\*** This section is dedicated to the park itself, including maintenance, upkeep, and minor improvements.

\*Poison ivy – Bob T. will try to schedule a time this fall when the ivy leaves turn red to remove growth along the pathways where parkgoers are most likely to come into contact.

\*Garlic Mustard – Paul will take on removal of this growth before the end of the season.

\*Trash in the Park - It was suggested to enlist users of the park to help keep Fiddlers Green trash free by providing plastic trash bags at both entrances. We need to discuss with Ed M. for approval and perhaps contact Wegmans for bags.

Kiosk - Once again one of the glass sliders of the kiosk has been shattered by vandalism. Some alternatives were discussed such as applying a weather proof plastic wallboard cover on which posters/leaflets, etc. can be displayed. On the park side a mural could be painted and protected by a layer of plexiglass. Bob T. will ask the JDHS art teachers if they might be interested.

Lower Parking Lot - In order to improve parking at the lower level a suggestion was made for future discussion to construct a retaining wall

along the hillside.

Next meeting will be held on Monday November 7, 2016 at Half Moon Bakery.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Tartakoff

**Fiddlers Green Park Association**  
**Nov. 7, 2016**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. At the Half Moon Bakery by President Paul Eiholzer. Present were: Bob Hopkins, Jr., Greg Titus, Matt Titus, Bev Miller, Bob Tartakoff and Kay Keough.

Minutes were read. Add to them the purchase of the North Street property. Mike Morocco is in charge of trying to obtain a grant to purchase Markos. Also change Jamesville Historical Society to Jamesville Community Museum. Passed. Paul will be in charge of putting the minutes on the website..

Treasurer's report: We have \$12,380.85 with 65 members. Approved.

Reunion/Museum: We are all for it but we will table it for now. Bob Catney and Jerry Aloï spearheaded idea so we will ask Jerry Aloï to come to the next meeting with thoughts of what they would like to do. We will also ask Jerry if he would like to invite Bob Catney.

Corresponding Secretary (Bev): Write a letter to Tom Cerio, Town Attorney, about park liability.

Back side of kiosk (Greg): vintage photos of the Park. Will be done by summer or sooner.

Front of kiosk (Bob T.): Look at material rather than cork that would not destroy and be more weatherproof. Laminate postings.

North Street building: Ed M. will be looking at the building with Paul. Matt asked what we would use it for? Could be Welcome Center or Visitor Center. We will discuss future possibilities. There is a grant possible to use the NSP as collateral to buy Markos to add to the Park.

Jerry did talk to Gordon Hyatt about a concept for the new area. It would be nice if the whole group could walk it with them to give thoughts..

Holiday get-together will be Monday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 P.M., drinks and appetizers at School & Vine. Bev and Kay will work on details and get back to group. It will be our Dec. meeting!

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kay Keough  
Recording Secretary