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**Board Minutes
Of the Friends of Lafayette Park
Nov. 17, 2016**

Attendees: President Jeff Stoiber, Kimberly Cestari, Tad Stewart, Dennis Smyth, David Madland, Judy Goodman and Paul Rosenbaum.
And Jane Kratovil, bookkeeper.

Minutes: Minutes for the Sept. 29, 2016, meeting were approved without revision.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Dennis Smyth presented the treasurer's report, summarizing various garden maintenance and other routine expenditures. One bench already purchased will be installed once the renovation to the ball fields is complete.

Status of FOLP: Following the renovation of Lafayette Elementary School, the ball fields became part of the school system's responsibility. Work for improving the park now would be limited to the park areas beyond the ball fields. The perimeter gardens would be one of the main focus areas for continued maintenance and improvement by FOLP, as well as erosion control from the top of the hill, monitoring tree maintenance for any dying trees, and monitoring the playgrounds for any needed repairs.

In response to other park support groups, FOLP board agreed to continue doing what the FOLP has done over the past 17 years.

FOLP will continue to welcome interest from members of the community who would like to join the board or participate in FOLP activities.

School and Park Update: The board discussed several ongoing issues in the park, and FOLP plans to continue to work with the city to get them resolved. Issues include the continuing problem with storm water runoff from the upper level of the park; planting more trees (however Casey Trees recently planted 5 trees); raise the issue of installing a sun tarp over part of the playground to protect users from the hot summer sun; and work to ensure that the ball fields and running track are completed properly.

Fall Clean Up Day: The fall clean-up day Oct. 22, 2016, was considered a successful event. There was a good turnout of people from the neighborhood who contributed to doing light work around the park.

Garden Group: The garden group needs more volunteers to help maintain the gardens. There are some groups who organize sending some people on an hourly basis, however

the cost may be prohibitive. Judy Goodman said she would appreciate any leads for additional volunteers for weeding, pruning and mulching help.

Tennis: Paul stated the fall tennis season is over and was a successful program.

Election of FOLP Officers: The board held elections of its officers under the bylaws. Jeff Stoiber was reelected president; Kimberly Cestari, vice president; Tad Stewart, Secretary; and Dennis Smyth, treasurer, for another year. Each was elected unanimously by the board.

New Business: The board discussed preparing the annual mailer/fund raising letter – getting it revised, printed and mailed before the holidays. A draft will be completed by early December for review.

It was noted the tot lot needs sand in the sand box. FOLP will purchase fresh sand.

The next meeting was scheduled for Jan. 19, 2017.