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**Board Minutes
Of the Friends of Lafayette Park
January 22, 2019**

Attendees: Co-President Jeff Stoiber, Co-President Elizabeth Engel, Dennis Smyth, Tad Stewart, Judy Goodman, Laura Phinizy Jones, Keith Jones and Patty Myler. And Jane Kratovil (bookkeeper).

Minutes: Minutes for the November 27, 2018, FOLP board meeting were approved without revision.

Park Issues: The board discussed the status of the planning for the new rec center, with Jeff summarizing what occurred at the DPR public meeting in January. Tommy Jones of DGS is now heading up the rec center project. Participants still had many questions about the size and design; installing safety lighting was discussed for the upper field; and the track will be resurfaced to replace the worn surface. The FOLP board felt more public meetings are needed before additional details of the project are finalized.

Treasurer's Report: Dennis Smyth submitted the Treasurer's report. He outlined recent expenses and gave a report on the annual fund-raising mailer. The initial results of the mail piece indicated that the number of donors and the amount raised is slightly less than last year, so far – about \$7,100 raised. More donations are still likely to come in, however. The FOLP received many \$100 donations, and a \$1,000 donation; and several first-time donors. A reminder announcement of the annual campaign will be posted on the Chevy Chase listserv.

Garden Group: The gardens on the Broad Branch Road side of the park need work, and are being damaged by erosion from the heavy rains. The board will determine what funds may be available this spring to hire a contractor to address this section of the gardens.

Spring Clean-Up Day: The board tentatively set April 27 for the Lafayette Park spring clean-up day. A "sign-up genius" will be emailed out to get a sense of how many people are coming. The board also decided to push back the Fall clean-up day to later in the fall, when more of the leaves have fallen and more work is needed.

Community Meeting: The board tentatively set April 3 for a community meeting at the Chevy Chase Community Center at 7 p.m. to vote on nominations for the FOLP Board. There also will be a community meeting just prior to the spring cleanup, on April 27. Members of the community are welcome to come and voice any concerns about the park they'd like the FOLP to address.

New Business: None

Next Meeting: The next meeting was scheduled for March 19, 2019, at 7:30 p.m.