

Edgemere Park Preservation Inc. Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes - CORRECTED

April 29, 2025

Members: Coleman.Nash?Susie.White?Linda.Clement?Jann.Hook?Sheila.Gibbs?Nikki.Kuhn?Ann.Parrish?Sam.Peregrin?Marilyn.Edens?Hallie.Milner

The meeting was held at the home of Susie White. Coleman Nash called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

The minutes from the March 27, 2025, meeting were reviewed and approved (motion by Nikki Kuhn; second by Linda Clement; voice vote).

The treasurer's report for March, as emailed by Braton Danielson, was reviewed and approved (motion by Jann Hook; second by Linda Clement; voice vote).

Coleman reported on behalf of Petra Cox, with Eppilog newsletter price comparisons with Scott Printing and QuikPrint to be available at the next meeting. The consensus was that the glossy paper was preferable. The most recent issue was printed by Scott. The price estimates should include the cost of printing the mailing addresses directly on each newsletter and bulk mailing them. The deadlines are generally driven by events but it may be preferable to have a regular schedule (budgeted for quarterly). The next issue should be coming out in June in time to advertise for the July 4 party. Jann has an updated address file that should go to the printer. Coleman will follow up with Petra on deadlines for article submissions, layout and printing. Nikki Kuhn also offered to help. A possible schedule would be February (annual meeting and park cleanup), June (July 4), September (Oktoberfest) and November (holiday party), with hard deadlines.

Andrea Monachella has stepped down as chair of the Historic Preservation Committee and a request for a replacement was made. There have not been numerous neighborhood HP applications, and we do not generally send a representative to the HP Commission meetings unless there is a particular concern. The HP Commission meetings are usually the first Wednesday of every month and they send meeting notices to interested parties via email. Jann offered to assist anyone interested in the process.

Coleman distributed a contact list of new trustees for review and corrections. Linda will see that it is posted to the website with phone numbers redacted and emails upon request. Linda keeps up with emails to the website, many of which relate to gazebo reservations.

Next year will be our 100th anniversary (1926-2026), and ideas for celebrating would be most welcome. Linda and Jann said that there was a party for the 75th and 80th anniversaries and there was a lack of consensus as to the preferred format for those

events. The 80th anniversary party was a big 1920s-themed party at the home of Clayton and Marnie Taylor. Sandra Harrison was involved in planning the 75th anniversary party and might have details about that. There was also discussion of a 100th anniversary project and/or an endowment fund appeal. Monica Sexton and Nikki Kuhn would welcome assistance.

Ann Parrish reported on the security corporation—the struggles continue but we have made our budget so far. It is difficult to plan since fewer subscribers pay in full at the beginning of the year. We may need to have a mid-year push but each year seems to be getting incrementally better. Ann encouraged people to take pictures of suspicious actors and send to her or Margaret Donnelly so they can be provided to the security company. It was requested that any concerns be reported to Ann or Margaret rather than directly to the security company. It was reported that an incident occurred with a door being kicked in, which may not have been a random incident. Police should be contacted in the event of actual or suspected criminal activity.

Park signage was brought up and we are still waiting for an updated estimate. Coleman and Jann will follow up with Matt Goad. The park cleanup went well, but more signage and possibly additional dates were suggested. The use of outside groups (colleges, scouts, etc.) was also discussed. It worked well to have the cleanup on both Saturday and Sunday although there was more participation on Saturday.

Linda has been in contact with the electrician and the trencher and they are waiting for suitable weather to make repairs.

On the 36th Street entrance, Susie met with Brian Smith with Grooms Landscaping and walked the area. Susie's suggestion is to scrap the concrete-lined beds and put grass in. A discussion as to who mows what ensued. Susie will provide Brian Smith's recommendations.

Marilyn brought up the condition of the creek with respect to silt and debris, and Coleman will reach out to Councilman James Cooper and the Parks Department about this issue.

Jann reported on resource development. We have approximately 20 more dues payers and we hope to continue to see more. We may need to do a second dues payment mailout mid-year.

The next meeting is set for May 29, and the last Thursday of each month (with exceptions) will be our default meeting day. We hope to have James Cooper and someone from the Parks Department at the next or a future meeting.

Marilyn wanted to thank everyone who turned out to cheer for the runners at the marathon last weekend. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.