

SEPTEMBER 2024

Parkwood Press



The Parkwood Association Neighborhood Newsletter

**Parkwood Association
2024 Annual Meeting
September 10, 2023 at 7pm via Zoom**

Registration is required.
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**Parkwood
Annual Meeting**

September 10, 2024
7:00 pm
online via Zoom



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you may return form received via US Mail to the PA Office.

Deadline for Registration is **Friday, September 6, 2024 by 5 pm.**

If you have questions, please reach out to the Parkwood Office, pa.office@parkwoodnc.org

Mark Your Calendar

**Parkwood Fall Flea Market
October 5 8 am - 12 noon
Parkwood Shopping Center - 5122 Revere Road**



Vendor booths will be set up along the edge of the mosque parking lot and in front of the building. Due to high demand - only 2 spaces can be reserved under the cover per vendor.

Vendor Registration for Flea Market Booth Spaces opens **September 4.**

Call/leave a message @919-544-7339 or
Email eliza13442001@gmail.com or pa.office@parkwoodnc.org

See page 11 of this issue of Parkwood Press for further details and Flea Market Rules.

The Best-Laid Plans . . .

The Sedwick Park bridge was coming along just fine, as noted in last month's Press article, with the final assembly scheduled to be finished by about Aug. 12.



But on Aug. 10 Tropical Storm Debby arrived, bringing Parkwood an official total of 3.52 inches of rain, some flooded yards, downed trees — and a delay in assembling our new bridge.

It could have been worse: other places in NC had up to 15 inches of rain and several tornadoes. The photo at left shows the spillway flowing through the bridge site: hopefully the last time that anyone's trail walk will be blocked by overflow from Parkwood Lake once the bridge is finished.

But the storm moved on, the sun came out, and the mud began to dry out.

The bridge kit's delivery date was rescheduled to Aug. 12, and when the delivery truck pulled across the dam to the bridge site, the waiting crew of Parkwood volunteers quickly set to work, unloading all the pieces of the bridge in true eager-beaver style.



Some pieces were short, and some were long:



And while the unloading crew was bustling through their task in not much more than an hour, the trail-building crew went ahead with theirs, resulting a couple of days later with ramps ready to receive the finished bridge, as shown at right:

By the time you read this, the Blue Ridge Trail crew will have returned to finish grading and landscaping the site (although it will take awhile for all the construction evidence to disappear), and the volunteer assembly crew, re-scheduled to begin on Aug. 23, should have assembled all 3,500 pounds or so of bridge parts, held together with hundreds and hundreds of bolts, nuts, washers and screws, to complete the bridge.

That is, of course, unless another storm comes along. But if not, please pay a visit: enjoy a walk through Sedwick Park, over the bridge and across the dam. If for some reason you've never visited Sedwick Park, just navigate your way to 1251 Sedwick Road: you'll enjoy the experience! Actually there's no hurry: the fiberglass bridge is expected to have a lifespan of 75-100 years; plenty of time for lots of visits.

by Mike Brooks, photos by Janie Long & Mike Brooks



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The PA Board meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7 pm via Zoom

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Laura Denny, our office administrator, is available by email or phone. Please allow 24 hours for a reply.

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DURHAM BAHA'I CENTER
SUNDAY PROGRAMS IN SEPTEMBER

FAMILY-FRIENDLY PRAYER GATHERINGS
September 1, 15 & 29 @ 10:30AM - 11:30AM
Bring a prayer, song, quote, or passage to share in the spirit of worship.

SOULFUL SUNDAYS
September 8 & 22 @ 10:30AM - 12PM
Music, prayers, and lively discussion to feed our spirits and inspire us to promote peace, unity & justice in our communities.

MONTHLY MEANINGFUL CONVERSATIONS
September 15 @ 3PM - 5PM
This month's topic: "Is Tolerance Enough? What are the roles of justice and love in achieving unity? How is tolerance related to/different from unity?"

EVERYONE IS welcome here

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Community-Wide Dinner and Info Workshop on our Refugees & Immigrant Neighbors in Durham

presentation by Church World Service

Sunday, September 22 @ 5:30 PM

The Fellowship Hall at Parkwood UMC

5123 Revere Rd., Durham, NC 27713

Come learn about our immigrant and refugee families and neighbors
in the Triangle and how we can come alongside them.

Become an ambassador
of community, partnership, and
friendship by welcoming a newly arrived refugee
family to Durham through community sponsorship.

As a community sponsor, your group of 7-10 becomes a partner with CWS Durham
to greet a refugee family at the airport, assist them in securing and furnishing initial housing,
connect them with local services, and show them all of the things that make our community
so special!



Social Support: During the four- to six-month commitment, Community Sponsor groups support their refugee partner as they adjust to their new community. Community Sponsors help their partners navigate their new neighborhood and city, pay their bills and rent, make medical and social services appointments, and work toward other goals developed by the client's CWS Case Manager.



Financial Support: Community sponsors commit to paying at least four months of rent for their refugee partners. The exact amount will vary depending on what type of housing is most appropriate for a specific client household. Clients often arrive with limited resources and this financial support allows them to focus on the immediate tasks of language learning, cultural orientation, and employment.



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Parkwood UMC Methodist Men
and Holy Infant Knights of Columbus Present:

OCTOBERFEST

Saturday, October 12 @ 4:30-7:00 PM

5123 Revere Rd.
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Live Music by the band "Gray Rock Transit" - Beef Hot
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Summary of Minutes from August 8, 2024 Board Meeting

Call to Order at 7:07 pm

Attendance: Diane Wright, Felipe Rodriguez, Vickie Wheeler, Chris Classen, Dennis Sharp, Janie Long, George Greene, Andrew Hunter, Mary Mertz, Julia Maron, Marsha Brooks, Marie Dean,

Guests: Steven Berkowitz, Mike Brooks, Hussein Riyami, Liz Templeton

Committee Roundtable

Executive Committee - M. Brooks

Executive Committee Minutes 1 August 2024

Marsha Brooks, President
Felipe Rodriguez, Vice President
Vickie Wheeler, Secretary
Marie Dean, Treasurer

1. Next EC meeting will be on 4 Sep 24 at 7:00 pm.
2. Payroll Submission. It appears there has been a change with PPM's processing payment requests. In an attempt to work with them to ensure the Admin's check is received in a timely manner, whichever Executive Committee member sees the bi-weekly payroll submission will review, approve and forward it to PPM for payment.
3. Maintenance at Office/Community Center. Priority will be on replacing 3 exterior doors, soffit & fascia boards, and the sealing of the 2 cracked roof boots. Review updated estimates.

Motion to hire Gerding Construction to replace 3 exterior doors, repair soffit fascia boards and replace and seal the 2 cracked roof boots at a cost not to exceed \$3550. Payment to come from GL-00505 Seaton Road Property Maintenance, with a transfer from Capital Reserve Atlantic Union GL-01010. Second. Motion passes.

4. Open complaints review. In our monthly review of status of complaints it was noted that the majority of complaints coming in seem to be cars parked on lawn areas, yards piled with trash and tree issues.
5. Motions approving funds to be spent/paid. We need to make sure total funds for a project/in-

voice are included in the original motion. There is no reason to have to approve each individual payment by the Board.

6. Status of Director Nominations and Annual Meeting. First notification of the Annual Meeting has been sent out and self-nomination forms have been received and vetted. The second notification will go out the week of Aug 5. We will have 4 open Director spots. One each in Districts 1, 4, 6 & 8.
7. Waiver for Thomas Konsler. Marie will contact Steven Berkowitz to inquire as to the possibility of using a credit card for his payment since he does not meet VIVE requirements.
 - a. Update, we are not able to use the credit card for this payment.

Minutes approved.

EC Meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Finance Committee Report - M. Dean

August 07, 2024 FC Meeting

The Finance Committee met at 7:00 on Wednesday, August 7. Attending this month's meeting were Felipe Rodriguez, and Marie Dean.

1. The committee reviewed the Cash Report from PPM. They'd reported no accounts eligible to be sent to the attorney at the present time.
2. The committee reviewed the Collections Report from Ganley's office. There was 1 pending bank foreclosure, 1 with request to prepare a NOH (notice of hearing) & service for sheriff, 1 on a payment plan, and 1 that'd paid in full with the file being closed & the lien released.
3. We'd received another attorney's bill dated 08/01/2024 for the PALSCO Project, \$420 for dos July 17, 19, and 29.
4. No update from NB&T on filing of our 2023 tax return, although they have contacted us for information needed as to the amount of time each board member volunteered.

Motion to approve payment of \$420 to Bagwell Holt Smith, P.A. for services pertaining to PALSCO Project from GL Code 00529 Legal - General. Second. Motion Passes.

Motion to allow Bagwell Holt Smith to prepare Notice of Hearing & service for sheriff on homeowner not responding to claim of lien or other

attempts to contact for payment of 2024 dues. Second. Motion Passes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25.
Submitted by: Marie Dean, Chairperson

Parks and Lawns - M. Mertz

Minutes
Parks, Lawns, Ballfield, and Playgrounds Committee Meeting
August 5, 2024: 7:00-8:55 pm

In attendance: Bill Mitchell, Steven Berkowitz, Michael Brooks, Wray Dean, Marie Dean, Chris Clasen, Mary Mertz, Andrew Hunter, Rob Shoaf

1. Tree Report. Bill
A homeowner at 107 Wicklow reported a dead fallen pine on their fence. Bill went out and also discovered a dying 3-trunk tree and another dead pine tree. Donald Allen took down that and another dead pine for \$550.

A homeowner on Lattimore Lane reported a dead tree on parkland leaning towards his property. When Bill evaluated the situation, he discovered three other dead/dying trees on parkland that needed to be cut down. Donald Allen removed the four trees for \$500.

Altogether, seven trees threatening homeowner properties were cut down and one fallen tree was cut up and moved at a cost of \$1,050. Motion to approve the extra expense of \$50 on tree management for the month of July to come from GL-05078 Tree Management. Second. Motion Passes.

The tree policy was discussed, and Bill explained that the dead pine that fell on the fence was cut up and parts thrown back on parkland because Donald said it was easier to deal with the whole tree since not much of the tree hit the fence.

To date, \$11,975 has been spent of the tree fund. Update there has been a total of \$12,611 from GL- 05078 has been spent to date for 2024. There was an error in PPM's recording.

2. Grounds Report. Bill
-PLBF Committee recommends the Board approve a policy to allow Geocaching/treasure hunting in Parkwood at the upcoming Board Meeting. If the Board approves this, we recommend Laura notify the resident and approve her request.

Motion to approve recent request for geocaching in Parkwood, providing resident follows Geocaching regulations. Second. Motion passes.

-Dragonfly Pond Works recent report included typical information.

-A request for grass to be cut in the trail next to 1609 Euclid Road and the grass on the back side of 1609 Euclid Road by homeowner was discussed. Parkwood HOA stopped maintaining this Euclid ditch area years ago. Steven will go out and look at the area and report back to the committee to decide if we want to add that to next year's semi-annual RLC schedule.



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-Chris asked if RLC can spray weeds on the path to the Community Garden gate and in the parking lot. Chris also described a branch hanging over the walkway from the middle garden. Bill volunteered to take care of it.

-Rob sent photos of bush hog remnants left by RLC near Euclid Pond. Mary agreed to share photos with the committee. Bill volunteered to go look at it and report back to the committee to discuss whether we want to change the RLC contract for that area.

-Areas that RLC should mow but look neglected were discussed. Bill shared that RLC should notify the Parkwood Office if an area is not mowed and the reason why it was not mowed.

3. Drainage. Bill

-Lake Forebay (Lotus Pond): Flooding and debris removal from the Lake Forebay (Lotus Pond) discharge pipe under Clermont Road to Parkwood Lake were discussed. Pictures of flooded Parkwood areas were shared. Steven reminded committee members that the city installed a smaller pipe than was here previously, the pipe slope is negative, and the pipe open area above the lake level is smaller, all adding to its reduced capacity and an increased rate of debris build up in the Forebay. The city has thus far not agreed to maintain this culvert (keep it unclogged) because the inlet end is outside the Clermont Road Right-of-Way. Steven volunteered to ask the city again to assist in the short and long term to address this problem. He thinks we may need to go to City Council. Flooding of Lotus Pond has become more of a problem since City Council has approved development up stream causing more runoff, and due to increasing storm intensities.

The committee also revisited other ideas, including dredging the pond more often and removing debris instead of piling it on the bank. Bill shared that RLC and Dragonfly have provided quotes to remove floating debris that accumulates at the Lotus Pond culvert. RLC proposed adding it to their schedule every 2 weeks for an additional \$3,750. Dragonfly proposed cleaning it out quarterly for \$3,680.

These proposals, however, would not address removal of blockages that currently are present within the culvert pipe.

Steven thinks we should pressure the city first to take responsibility for errors when they built the culvert, and since the majority of the culvert is under a city-maintained road that would potentially be damaged when the culvert capacity is reduced by clogging and debris accumulation. Bill volunteered to contact RLC on Tuesday to discuss their proposal further. Steven volunteered to pursue discussions with city staff on solutions and to get some immediate assistance in de-clogging the culvert.

Clermont Rd / Lotus Pond Flooding

After the initial cleanup and removal, RLC will charge \$4,550 annually to remove and haul off the debris from the forebay every two weeks for a year. The price of the initial cleanup will be \$875 if the amount of debris present is similar to what he saw two weeks ago but it will be lower if the amount of debris is less than that. Prorate - for August to December - - - \$2775 then renew at the end of the year.

Motion to approve contracting with Rescue Lawn Care for bi-weekly cleanup and removal of debris at the Lotus Pond at a pro-rated (August - December) rate of \$380 per month plus the initial \$875, coming to \$2775 using GL-00531 Grounds Contract. Second. Motion passes.

4. PALSCo Update. Steven
Required documents have been finalized by the city addressing concerns and incorporating recommendations of our attorney. Steven plans to send the documents for Board approval this Thursday. The estimate for legal fees will be a bit higher due to extra time involved, but the city has agreed to compensate Parkwood for these additional fees. Steven plans to be available for the Board meeting to answer questions.

Motion to authorize Marsha Brooks, president of the Board, to sign the easements and option to purchase for the PALSCO project to proceed and Parkwood Association will collect the \$2625 from the City of Durham. Second. Motion passes.

5. Playgrounds. Wray
-Minor improvements have been made at Sedwick Park and Hidden Park.

-Euclid Park play equipment needs cleaning.

- 6. Plantings. Chris
Keep America Beautiful Azalea Giveaway was discussed. The committee agreed to not get involved this year.

Chris volunteered to contact Jay Hardy about weeds in unsightly plantings areas.

- 7. Ball field. Steven and Bill
-Consider altering SDLL lease to make SDLL responsible for paying water bill and for maintaining RPZ valve. Steven and Bill agreed to meet and follow up.

- 8. Trails.
Standard maintenance continues by Silent Treatment.

- 9. Volunteer Projects.
-Christus Victor Lutheran Church members are planning a volunteer day for September 8th and have reached out to Steven for projects. Plus, missionaries from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints would also like some service projects.
-Projects were discussed. The committee agreed that painting park benches and picnic tables would be helpful projects. Chris volunteered to create a list to share with Steven.
-Mike shared that 6-8 volunteers will be needed to assemble the bridge when weather permits. Volunteers are asked to contact Mike or Steven. Mike will send a video to PLBF showing how to assemble the bridge.

- 10. Old Business.
-Parkwood common area invasive plants. Mary Mertz

Mike shared documents Mary provided for discussion and ultimately Board approval to post. A phrase was added for clarity. The committee agreed that the introduction, the Indemnity Form, and Appendix A should be one document. We agreed on a revised title of the document. Mary could not add Appendix A because it is locked. The committee agreed to ask Laura to add Appendix A before posting the document. The two documents (to become one document) were provided to Laura to add to the Board packet. Our motion from the July

PLBF Committee meeting stands for Board vote.

Motion: To ask the Board to approve the updated invasive plants policy and remove section 4 of the Tree Policy. Motion Tabled while language for disposal is worked out.

-Steven shared that John Goins hopes to fix the sinkhole in Sedwick Park field by the end of August.

Motion to extend the Board Meeting until 9:20 pm. Seconded. Motion passes.

- 11. New Business
Preparing for Parkwood Association’s Annual Meeting, September 10, 2024.

Mary shared a draft to consider as PLBF’s presentation. The Committee agreed to provide input soon so our notes could be given to Laura. We discussed photos for our slides and wonder if Laura can use some photos provided by the committee for the newsletter.



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The committee voted to adjourn at 8:55 pm.
Minutes are submitted by Mary Mertz.

Garden Committee - C. Classen

We have had plants harvested by ourselves and the Parkwood community. The heat in the beginning of the month had slowed plants flowering and the rain at the end of the month has helped a lot to revive them. Harvested plants include zucchini, cucumbers, bell peppers, tomatoes, a few carrots, black eyed peas, pole beans, eggplants, crowder peas, and herbs.

Most of the work consists of weeding, trellising run away vines, and killing squash bugs. Fall seeds have been bought and should go in mid month.

The Pollinator Garden has been tended to as well. New perennials were planted. We have milkweed but haven't seen any monarchs this year. There will be seed pods to share soon. July volunteer hours were 12. June volunteer hours were 29.5.

Parkwood Press & Social Media - L. Denny

Reminder, the deadline for the next issue of Parkwood Press is the 15th. This is an opt-in print issue of the newsletter. A paper copy will be delivered to about 130 Parkwood homes.

Parkwood on Social Media

Our Facebook presence stands at 687 Followers and 576 Likes. Our posts reached 232 people and we had 371 page visits in the past 28 days. There was 1 post during this time, sharing the August newsletter.

ParkwoodNC Google Group

Our group has 878 members. There have been 7 new posts/conversations since our July Board of Directors meeting.

Parkland Planning Committee - M. Brooks

Parkland Planning Committee

Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, July 16, 2024, 7pm via Zoom

Attendees: Mike Brooks (Chair), Marie Dean, Wray Dean, Pete Eisenmann, Janie Long, George Green, Andrew Hunter, Steven Berkowitz, Rob Shoaf

1. Approval of June minutes.
2. Sedwick Park Bridge Updates
 - a. A team from Freehold Land Surveys performed the survey staking on July 8 to precisely mark the location of the concrete abutments.
 - b. Blue Ridge Trail works did the excavation for the two abutments on July 9, prefabricated the forms on July 10, and installed the abutments on July 11. Afterward, they were inspected by GeoTechnologies and were approved. Blue Ridge poured the concrete on July 15, and will then build the two trail extensions in the following two weeks.
 - c. A recommendation from Blue Ridge Trails, to eliminate the western ramp deck and instead to install retaining walls and backfill, matching what was already planned for the east side, was discussed between Steven, Mike, Scott Brown and our Engineer, Daniel McGlamery, with all agreeing that that would be preferable: much of the wooden structure of the ramp deck would be partially or totally buried in the ground, and would not have a long lifespan. Having matching trail extensions on both sides would also look better.
 - d. Invoice for balance due on the bridge has been received from Areté Structures, and will be presented for approval at a special Board meeting on Wed., July 17, so that payment can be issued and the bridge kit can be shipped, tentatively during the week of Aug. 5.
 - e. Bridge assembly tentatively scheduled for Aug. 9-12. UPDATE: Due to Hurricane Debby, delivery rescheduled for Monday, Aug. 12, with assembly to begin Aug. 23-26 (approximately). Board members (and anyone else interested) are requested to help with delivery on Monday, at 10am.
3. Old Growth Trail Interpretive Signage project
 - a. Marie purchased Amazon gift cards for \$100, \$50 and \$50, and Pete contacted and met with each of the 3 winners to present their cards and take photos, for an article in the August newsletter. Pete and Katie have also met on the Old Growth Trail to discuss markers and additional signage.
4. Playgrounds planning/development
 - a. Chris shared a matching funds possibility for the purchase of new playground equipment from GameTime, a playground equipment supplier. More details are available at: www.

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September 2024

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22 9 am Community Garden Mtg	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 9 am Community Garden Mtg	30	Please note: The Parks and Lawns Committee Meeting, typically scheduled for the first Monday of the month, was rescheduled to 7pm on August 29th due to the Labor Day holiday.				