The meeting was called to order by Jeff Beitel at 7:07 p.m. In attendance were Jim Salvas, Lane Randall, Linda Scott, Anne Walters, Chantale Fieldhouse, Glen Sweet and Veronica Balassone.

--Minutes of the last meeting were approved as written.

--Linda Scott gave the Treasurer’s Report. $33,395 is in checking/savings accounts. Fountain Funds are at a negative $742. Accounts Payable of $9445 includes $8750 for iron work and landscaping around the fountain, and $695 for the two stone markers “MSP1848” to be placed at park corners. On the Receipts and Disbursements statement Linda has added a new category under Park and Admin – “Park structures”. Fountain expenses were placed under this category, and Restrooms. Discussion took place questioning the inclusion in Trees and Landscape of the expenses $6370 for Bricks and $1390 for two Granite Markers. Anne requested that these expenses be recorded in an additional category – “Hardscape” – to be included in Park Structures.

--Anne Walters reported on the tree sculpture project. She presented the plan again to Borough Council which was very receptive to the idea. It is necessary now to go to the Public Arts Commission for approval. The meeting is on June 25th at 7:00 p.m. in the BID office on High Street. The sculptor Marty Long will attend. Jimmer Breen, who heads the Public Arts Commission, has asked Mr. Long for a contract. There are no plans for sketches, as this is not how the artist works. Anne has had very detailed discussions regarding our desired “theme” which will be “Nature’s Treehouse”. The design will be a woodland incorporating fox, raccoon, owl, skunk, birds, vines and flowers with a door and windows in the tableau. It is hoped that a contract for work, which in this case is Marty Long’s Letter of Intent, will allow the project to begin as soon as possible, finished no later than December. It should take approximately 4-6 weeks for Mr. Long to complete the work. Proof of insurance for all parties is required. A $2500 deposit, an additional $2500 after 5 days, and $5000 when the project is complete is the agreed-upon schedule of payment for the sculpture. The sculpture will be sealed for preservation and Marty Long takes care of the first year’s treatment. FMSP will treat in the future yearly as recommended.

Anne would like to arrange publicity for the event, including photos and video on our website.

Linda Scott made a motion to proceed with signing the Letter of Intent and hiring Marty Long for the tree sculpture; Chantale seconded, and the motion passed.

--The brick sidewalk restoration has been slow to complete due to rain and equipment problems. Repair and replacement of the steps will follow.

--The restroom repair contract has been signed with Mike Hazley. It should take about two weeks to complete. The building will be painted, not stained, and some of the repairs will be made with plastic wood.
--Jeff Beitel has completed the drawings for the Swiss Cottage roof repair and it will go out shortly for three bids. The Borough will take the lowest bid, and if necessary to insure quality work, FMSP will pay the balance to secure a preferable bid.

--The Little Library has been installed in the park.

--It is hoped that 501c3 documents will be completed in a month or so.

--The Events Committee is working on the Fall Party. Lee Miller will hold a meeting in July to continue the planning process. Jim Salvas will produce postcards for distribution at the Summer Concerts to publicize the event. Linda Scott emphasized the need for event insurance once we are a 501c3 organization. Also, since the party will be a block party, borough permits now require event insurance for these gatherings. The cost is higher if alcohol is consumed. In the context of insurance, it was added that eventually liability insurance will be needed for Directors and Officers of FMSP. Linda estimated that the cost of this insurance, event insurance and bonding may come to around $1000.

--Jeff reported that Eric Miller would like to step down as chair of the Membership Committee. He has agreed, however, to coordinate the annual Park Clean-Up. Glen Sweet indicated she might be able to get the Rotary Club to help next year. Ronnie suggested emphasizing the timing of the clean-up on Earth Day when publicizing to the membership. It was agreed that it will be called FMSP’s Earth Day Park Clean-Up next spring.

--Puppies & Popsicles for the Little Buddies had to be cancelled by Jen Long due to a forecast of rain as well as a lack of sufficient puppies for the event. Jen was disappointed in the lack of support from the group that provides the animals for such events.

--Anne Walters discussed the frustration with the service providers who are providing maintenance of the fountain. The performance of the fountain has been compromised repeatedly by blockage of the nozzles. She is working on finding a local company with plumbing and mechanical knowledge that may be better suited to the job, as the current company is more accustomed to dealing with pool maintenance.

Phase 3 of the fountain restoration is being revised. An area of the surrounding brick paving is to be re-laid to correct an irregularity. Bids are out for plantings that are to be guaranteed for one year. The low metal fencing to surround the beds will include acorns to coordinate with the fountain fencing. Grading will begin soon with the planting scheduled for the fall. Jim Salvas asked that at some time in the future the Union League Seal included in the paving be corrected to more accurately reflect the seal design.

--Jim Salvas reported on the Summer Concert series, complimenting Jeff on a great job finding sponsors. There are so many that Jim had to get a bigger banner. They include, in addition to the main sponsor Southbound Homes, Brandywine Valley Heating & Cooling, Mike Hazley, First Resource Bank, Stillman Volvos, D. L. Howell, Pietro’s Prime and All the Dogs, RC Construction and Mike South. Jeff and Jim would like a permanent solution for banner installation as it is immensely difficult to install. They would like to use some of the proceeds from this summer’s concerts to hire a sign company for this.

The potluck organized by Chantale Fieldhouse will need a new “grill master” as Bob Tetti has moved from the area. It is hoped they can schedule helpers to volunteer for 40 minute time slots.
--The Restroom open/close plan at this time is for Public Works employees to open the restrooms at 7 a.m. weekdays, and for Parking Enforcement employees to close them weekdays at dusk as well as open on Saturday morning and close in the evening. FMSP is responsible for Sundays only. This schedule is being coordinated by Keith Kurowsky. Until and unless doors are purchased and installed that will negate the need for personnel to do this, it is the only solution available to provide access to the facility.

--Chantale reported on the cost of playground equipment for pre-schoolers. The Little Tikes playset costs $30,000 not including installation. It would coordinate with the new playground equipment. The minor grading needed for installation is not included in the estimate. Chantale plans on going to Borough Council for approval, and wants to fundraise and donate to FMSP to take advantage of a tax write-off. Anne Walters made a motion that FMSP support a toddlers’ playground addition as presented by Chantale Fieldhouse. The motion was approved by all present.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Veronica Balassone, Recording Secretary