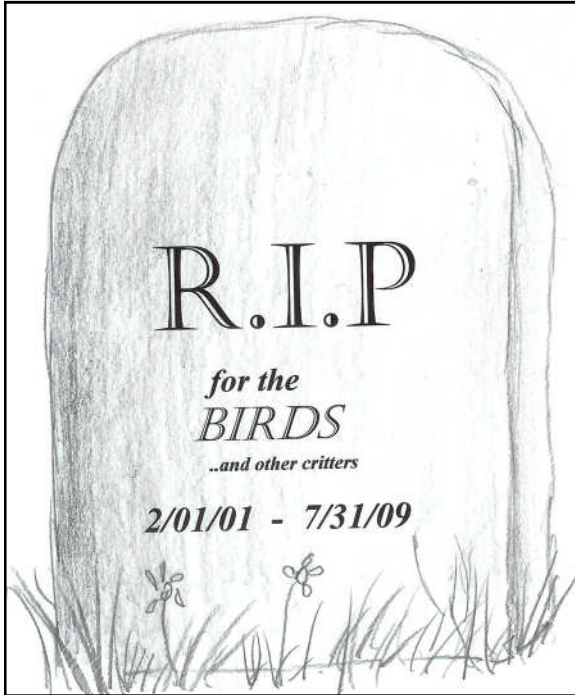


## A little this, a little that

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### A little this...

Oscar Wilde said “*Memories are the Diary that we carry about with us*”. That’s why our memories are so important.

And so it is with those great memories that we pass on the care of the Sanctuary on the Park bird habitats to the newly appointed Asset Managers of The Grounds Committee. We wish them well, of course and know that they will carry our past efforts to even greater heights.

We now retire our rubber gloves, our paint bushes, our repair parts and our tools. The scraper and wire brush we’ve used to clean bird feces and rotted mice entrails from the boxes, however, (with apologies to Charlton Heston) will have to be wrenched from our cold dead hands ! For they are a special part our memories and for obvious reasons, we can never give them up.

### A little that....

The latest chapter began when the responsibility for the habitats was passed along to the newly appointed Grounds Committee. It was refused by the new committee on the basis of having “other priorities”. This meant the habitats were going to be abandoned. Following this, several calls were received from interested residents who wanted them to continue. That brought forth our efforts.

Realizing that we needed approval from a majority of the residents we launched an e-mail request. . The response was immediate and positive and a majority was obtained. We then reorganized into what became the “*For the Birds Group* “ and immediately began preparing for the spring season. At the same time we also pledged to include other wildlife. Our allegiance from that point, we assumed, was to the resident majority who had given us “license” to care for their habitats along with our pledge to keep them informed.

Aye, here is the rub . Having established our existence in this manner, we continued to keep the residents informed directly with frequent newsletters and we, accordingly, relayed that to the Board when we were told to “report” to them. Why ?

1. By refusing the responsibility when it was passed to them, they had shown they weren’t interested.
2. We were operating with a majority of resident approval and keeping them informed directly

The Board, has now changed their mind and obviously feels differently. We acquiesce to their new decision.

We are both comfortable with our past position and resolved to help the new Asset Managers by passing along any and all information we can to aid their efforts. We do, however, lay claim to our chosen name “*For the Birds*”. It describes well, not only the reason for our existence but also, we guess, the individuals that made up the group.