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Liberty Township Parks Committee  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
6:30pm, January 31, 2017  
Liberty Township Meeting Center

On January 31, 2017, the Liberty Twp Parks Committee met for their regular meeting. President Kurt Feldmann called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon call of the roll, the following committee members were present:

Laurie Ballenger - Vice President  
Ron Aylward – Treasurer  
Bill Walker - Secretary

Members – Michel Price, Dave Lintner, Rhonda Freeze, Chuck Holliday

**The following guests were present:**

Rick Plummer - Township Supervisor, Tom Farrell – Trustee, Maureen Mowl – committee candidate, Garrison Grascey and father – Eagle Scout candidate

**Business Items:**

Mr. Grascey presented a proposal to install a sensory wall in Reserves of Liberty Park, near the Ft. Liberty Playground. The wall would be 3 to 4 feet high, and about 10 feet in length. To provide wheelchair accessibility, the wall would have a hard path on one side and a soft surface like shredded rubber or wood chips along the other side. The wall will have varying textures, with latches and other tactile objects installed to help autistic children's development. No objections were voiced by the committee. It was agreed that a formal application should be made, using the BSA approval process, to Rick Plummer.

Maureen Mowl applied to join the committee. After discussion, Rhonda moved and Michel seconded approval. Approval was passed with no exceptions.

The Barry Thiel Memorial School of Fish will be held on June 10. Both young and intermediate fishermen will be included on one day. Passed with one negative vote (Michel). (Note: this date was subsequently changed via email to June 17 due to scheduling conflicts.)

Minutes from October meeting were read and approved: Rhonda moved, Laurie seconded, unanimous approval.

**Treasurer's Report - Ron**

Balance was reported as \$1463.05. Bill moved, Chuck seconded. Report unanimously approved.

**2017 Officer Nominations**

Kurt expressed his desire to step down as President, citing increased demands at work. Laurie will step down as Vice President, and Bill will step down as Secretary. Michel volunteered to serve as Vice President. Laurie moved, Chuck seconded, all approved.

Ron agreed to remain as Treasurer. Michel moved, Laurie seconded, all approved.

Rhonda volunteered as President. Michel moved, Ron seconded, all approved.

Kurt agreed to become Secretary. Michel moved, Chuck seconded, all approved.

**Disc Golf Report - Ron**

The disc golf subcommittee proposed a two-tiered prize system for this year's tournament: novice and skilled. Ron recommended purchase of 6 gift certificates: 2 each of \$50, \$25, and \$10. Moved by Ron, seconded by Michel, all approved.

It is recommended that more corporate sponsors be sought for the tourney. Michel got good verbal

responses while seeking hole sponsors. The tournament will be scheduled for April 22.

It was proposed to purchase 100 mini-discs for giving out at the upcoming Summer Fests at Lakota East on 2/27 and Lakota West on 3/1. Fifty discs will be purchased in the colors of each school. Tom suggested replacing the logo on mini discs with the new Liberty Twp logo. He stressed the importance of marketing the township's image in all our Committee's activities. He mentioned that neither the Lakota web site nor the disk golf web site include the Reserves of Liberty Disc Golf Course.

It was agreed to check on availability of mini-discs with the correct logo. If it is not possible to get the new logo by 2/27, the discs will be ordered with the previous logo.

After complaints by residents, Hole 7 was moved 25 feet from its previous location. Additional trees are waiting to be relocated to further shield the hole before the tourney.

Michel will be the new Disc Golf Subcommittee chairman. Members will include Ron, Chuck, and Rhonda.

### **Midwest Native Plant Conference**

Bill and Ron were selected as attendees of the Plant Conference in Dayton in July. (Ron subsequently replaced by Laurie.)

### **Holiday in the Parks - Chuck**

- On April 15, 10am-12pm, author Robert Henn will lead a Wildflower Walk at Dudley Woods Park on Hankins Rd. Several local groups will participate, including members of Butler County MetroParks, Liberty Township Garden Club, and the local Master Gardeners. There will also be native tree and plant sales by David Lintner, Butler County Soil and Water Department and some vendors from Oxford, Ohio.
- June 3 Return to Cherokee Park
- July 8, 9 to 11 am at Allen Park, Jake Hartmann will lead a Prairie Walk
- The Midwest Native Plant Conference will be held in Dayton July 28 – 30.
- August 26, 10 am to 12 pm at Cherokee Park, Bill Walker will lead a Butterfly Walk.
- September 9, 10 am to 12 pm at Dudley Woods Park, Jake Hartmann will lead a Fall Tree Walk

### **Other Business:**

Michel proposed formation of a walking club, "A Walk in the Parks". A 12-week series of walks would visit each park, with a vote for favorite park held at the end of the series. The walks would be scheduled to begin in late May.

Dave reported that some of the flowers and trees planted as part of the Cherokee Park Gregory Creek remediation project were planted in existing trails. Rick promised to check out the situation.

Michel purchased 7 fishing kits to be used as prizes for the School of Fish.

Kurt asked for a motion to adjourn; Rhonda moved; Chuck seconded; motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.

### **Future meetings:**

2017 - February 28 and March 28 at 6:30pm, to be held at the Township Meeting Center on Princeton Rd.