



Minutes Feb. 27 , 2018 meeting.

Call to order at 6:30 pm.

Roll Call: Maureen Mowl, Secretary: absent ( V. Michel Price took minutes for this meeting),  
Chuck Holliday: absent.

Guest: Jared Sippy, Nicholas Sippy, Kim Sippy, Beck Crawford, Rocky Crawford, and Mrs. Grzeskowiak were in attendance.

Jared & Nicholas Sippy gave Eagle Scout presentations for Dudley Memorial & Dudley Woods.  
Jared's presentation- Pollinator Rain Garden at Dudley Memorial  
Nicholas' presentation- Trail markers, updating park maps and renaming the trails in Dudley Woods.

Guests from Cherokee Subdivisions, Mr. & Mrs. Crawford & Mrs. Grzeskowiak, brought up several concerns they had for Cherokee park.

1. Muskrats living in the pond. Rick Plummer notified them (Mr. & Mrs. Crawford & Mrs. Grzeskowiak) that a local trapper has trapped 2 muskrats and they have been removed from the pond. The damage that the animals have done to the banks will be repaired.
2. Willows are blocking the view to the pond. Rick Plummer advised the residents that they can form a willow clean up group and remove the Willows themselves. But a waiver must be signed by each person who would like to remove the trees. An employee of the Liberty Township will be on hand to acquire those signatures from each person.
3. On the right side of the pond an area has been cleared out. Rick Plummer explained this was a clearing for large equipment to gain access to the park property, to start construction of a paved sidewalk from Cherokee to Turn Bridge via a grant.

Minutes from January 30, meeting: Moved to approve Bill Walker, Second, Ron Aylward

Activities Report : Rick updated that at Fort Liberty Playland Shelter 1; the pad will be fully removed and a new pad installed.

Park Review: Wetland East-All members agreed that they like having the tour and one person writing up the top 5 issues/recommendations from all that toured.

Next park to review: Wetlands West-Van Gordon - March 10, 2018 @ 2 pm

Continuing Park Business: Lakota Fun fair. Due to conflicts, March 5th will not be attended by parks committee volunteers. Laurie will contact the organizer and cancel the March 5th attendance.

March 7th will have two volunteers attend.

Open Discussion:

- \*No price on the Disc Golf Basket has been acquired.
- \*Discussed the parking lot for Liberty Park behind YMCA- until the drainage system issues can be corrected, the Township does not want to pave the parking lot.
- \*School of Fish event- discussed having bags to hand out to the kids with fishing content. Bags can be purchased from Oriental Trading for \$4.99 for 50 bags, an assortment of colors (or one color). The committee gave the go ahead to acquire the bags for the event. We will notify Rick Plummer on the cost. Also, it was spoken about having another raffle for the kids-possibly going to Cabela's and asking for \$5 gift cards.
- \*Rick Plummer encouraged any member-if they hear of any grants-to let him know as soon as possible.
- \*Midwest Native Plant Conference July 27-29, 2018- there will be no parks committee members attending this event this year.
- \*It was discussed to discontinue sending out "Informational Packets". Have a more detailed Agenda for future meetings. On the Wednesday before the Monday meeting, the Agenda, Rick Plummer's Parks updates, Parks Reviews, and Minutes will be sent out to all Park members in one email. Minutes will be sent out only at that time and will be ratified at the meetings.
- Kim Sippy, has submitted her request to be on our committee. Rick asked her to bring a letter of intent for the March 19, 2018 meeting.

Adjournment: 7:52 pm Motion Bill Walker, Second Laurie Ballenger

