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**Liberty Township Parks Board
Meeting Minutes
6:30pm, February 28, 2017
Liberty Township Meeting Center
6400 Princeton Road**

- I. Call to Order:** Conducted by Kurt Feldmann, Secretary at 6:30 PM
- Present: Rhonda Freeze, President; Michel Price, Vice-President; Ron Aylward, Treasurer; Kurt Feldmann, Secretary; Members: Laurie Ballenger, Dave Lintner, Maureen Mowl and Bill Walker; Rick Plummer, Services Director- Township Advisor
 - Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Rhonda Freeze
 - Introduction of Guests: None
 - Maureen Mowl was officially welcomed by the Board as an official member.
- II. Approve Minutes (1/31/2017)**
- Motion to Approve as amended with minor changes: Maureen Mowl
 - Second: Laurie Ballenger
 - Unanimous Approval
- III. Treasurer's Report (Ron Aylward, Treasurer)**
- Motion to Approve: Bill Walker
 - Second: Laurie Ballenger
 - Updated balance will be provided at the March Meeting due to recent cash inflow and expenses;
 - Unanimous Approval
- IV. Report from Township Liaison (Rick Plummer, Township Advisor)**
- T-shirt Order: all sizes are in
 - Midwest Plant Conference: Bill and Laurie will attend in July.
 - Repaired two flagpole lights at Wetlands East; An Oak tree was removed the shelter area at Reserves park due to "Black Knot" disease.
 - MetroParks/Dudley Park: Liberty Township will resume daily operational control of Dudley Park on April 1st from Butler County Metro Parks.
 - Eagle Scout Project: No contact from Garrison Grasty
 - American Heritage Girl Marina Lennartz submitted and received approval for her project- the installation of a circular butterfly garden on the east side of Allen Park.
 - Liberty Park Playground Grant was denied by CBDG.
 - Turnbridge Trail Connector is being resubmitted in March.
 - Chris Bowers of the Greater Miami Flying Disc Club will host a league match at our disc golf course on June 27th.

V. Committee Reports

- Disc Golf (Michel Price)
 - Tournament Discussion: Liberty Reserves Park (4/22/2017); Volunteers report at 9:30 AM; Tee Off scheduled for 10:00 AM; Kurt will serve as the Ringleader and Master of Ceremonies. Michele proposed awarding a \$10 El Rancho Nuevo gift card for a hole in one on basket #9. Kurt referred to it as a “Diez for an Ace”. We decided not to purchase or supply coffee for the tournament. Michele noted that the Tournament Flyers are set and that she has places to put them.
 - The logos on the mini discs have been changed to incorporate the township logo. They have been purchased.
- Trails Committee (Bill Walker)
 - Meetings are now held on the first Monday of each quarter at the Township Headquarters. This is a change from monthly meetings.

The primary goal of this committee is to:

 1. Connect all of our neighborhoods and parks
 2. Link up our trails with the Miami to Miami Connector

VI. Event Updates

- Laurie Ballenger
 - Lakota Summer Fest was a tremendous success at Lakota East High School on February 27th, 2017. Laurie led a large contingent of members who connected with over 250 families at the event. We hope to experience similar success at Lakota West later this week. It will be reported on at the March meeting.
 - Laurie reminded everyone of the Independence Day Float and Parade. We will need decorators for our basic theme of hay bales and bunting on a float. Rick has access to all necessary items.
 - Fall Festival is September 23rd
- Kurt Feldmann/Michel Price
 - Barry Thiel Memorial School of Fish (6/17/2017)
 - Kurt will serve as the Master of Ceremony and will implement an appropriate and fitting tribute to Barry Thiel.
 - Michel brought up handing out donated items from local businesses (Smoothie King & Books Boulevard). Rhonda indicated that we will have to further examine the viability of this action.
- Bill Walker: In Chuck Holliday’s absence, Bill indicated that all of the following Naturalist Events, led by him or Chuck, are still good to

go. Jake Hartmann may not be able to lead the Fall Tree Walk. Bill or Dave may be able to substitute for him.

- Wildflower Walk/Dudley Woods (4/15/2017 10a.m.-12p.m.)
- Return to Cherokee Park (6/3/2017)
- Prairie Walk/Allen Park (7/8/2017 9-11a.m.)
- Fall Tree Walk (9/9/2017 12 p.m.)
- Butterfly Walk/Cherokee Park (8/26/2017 12p.m.)

VII. Other 2017 Events/Projects

- 5 K Run: Volunteers wanted
- Breakfast with Santa: Volunteers wanted
- Michel will cease work on the walking club project due to work/life balance.

VIII. Board Discussion: Rhonda Freeze allowed each member time to discuss items of significance.

- Dave opened by advocating and emphasizing the need for improved signage at Cherokee Park. Signage definitely needs to identify the conservation area and prevent wanton damage from residents.
 - Laurie reinforced the need for easily identifiable trail markings at all parks with trails.
 - Michel emphasized the need for developing Wilhelmina.
 - Ron also strongly emphasized the need for the township to initiate development of Wilhelmina.
 - Maureen openly volunteered her skills to create and enhance the social media platform for our parks.
 - Kurt voiced his support for the creation of a social media platform and noted that Maureen and Bill both possess the skills to make this possible.
 - Rhonda thanked everyone for their active participation and announced next month's meeting information.
- March Meeting 3/28/2017 @ 6:30 p.m.
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IX. Motion to Adjourn 8:21PM

- Motion: Bill Walker
- Second: Ron Aylward
- Unanimous Approval