



Minutes

March 18, 2019

Location: Service Center 6959 Yankee Rd

Park Committee Members: V. Michel Price, President | Bill Walker, Vice President | Kim Sippy, Treasurer | Laurie Ballenger, Secretary | Dave Lintner, local native plants/invasive plants expert

Liberty Township Parks Liaison: Rick Plummer

Call to order: 6:01pm with Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present - Michel Price, Bill Walker, Kim Sippy, Laurie Ballenger, David Lintner. Currently 3 seats are open. Present - Rick Plummer, Township Liason.

Introduction of Guests: Christine Matacic, Liberty Twp Trustee; Jim Hartman, resident of Cherokee subdivision

Ratify February Minutes: 1st -Bill, 2nd-Michel; Unanimous

Treasury Report:

- Balance as of 2/6/19 - \$4,226.12. See attached report.

Guest Discussions:

- **Jim Hartman** – Jim is working on cleaning up trails in Cherokee Parks in anticipation of asphalt being laid, in tandem with David Lintner's spring plans. Jim asked about the Turnbridge mowing plan. He would like to see the existing trail along the creek continue to be mowed (once or twice annually) if possible. Rick expressed concern that the existing pathway may not be wide enough for the township's brush hog mower to fit through. Jim asked about an aerator/fountain for the pond – Rick will price and report back.
- **Christine Matacic** - Miami 2 Miami Trail signs will indicate the Cherokee – Turnbridge connection, to be followed by Shannon Ridge and Dudley Woods. Plans have started for the **20 Year Fort Liberty Playland Celebration**. Christine told the history of the installation of the park and all the community connections that made it possible. Original participants will be contacted to see if they can attend and be included in the celebration. Christine provided an information sheet with some of the original attendees and their time and material contributions during the installation including the activities that day. A time capsule was buried on the site; the celebration may include a ceremony to open the time capsule. The Township will provide a picnic lunch. No date is set yet – possibly the weekend of September 14,15 to avoid overlapping too many other events.

Updates:

Township Liason Report:

- The last bid day for the Turnbridge project is this Friday. The bridge over Stoney Run (tributary to Gregory Creek) is the main expense concern.
- Paul Stumpf will contact Bill Walker about the Dudley Woods cabin events and usage.
- Maintenance work continues on dead ash trees in Wetlands West Park. Some trails still closed.
- Rick Plummer and Christine Maticic have some new committee member leads.

Work Days Subcommittee (Dave and Bill; Laurie – refreshments):

- Plans continue to contact volunteers for the Garlic Mustard pull at Dudley Woods, and other “Give A Hand” work days to be determined. The idea of using a previously used Committee email address will be explored. Laurie asked that the Garlic Mustard pull is promoted during the Robert Henn Wildflower Walk, same location following week.

Continuing Parks Business:

- The Lakota Summer Fun public outreach event was very successful. Thank you to Michel, Kim and Bill for manning the booth with Laurie.
- Idea for Parks contact for public support: Christine stated that the owner of the Fitton Center is very interested in finding a way to support Liberty Township Parks. Other possible contacts were discussed.

Round Table Discussion:

- Each member/guest present was given an opportunity to cover a topic or ask new questions:
 - Dave – rescued 2 dozen trees from the 2016 Cherokee Park restoration project for replanting. He has spotted Lesser Celandine at Turnbridge. This is a very aggressive invasive species currently targeted for control at Dudley Woods.

Adjournment: 7:25pm - 1st – Bill, 2nd - Kim

Future Meetings: April 15 at the Service Center 6pm

Tentative locations for other meetings: May 20/Wilhelmina, June 17/Dudley Memorial, July 15/Cherokee, August 19/Fort Liberty



Liberty Township Parks Fund

Fund Statement: January 1, 2019 - February 6, 2019

Ms. Kristen Bitonte
 Liberty Township
 7162 Liberty Centre Dr.
 Suite A
 Liberty Twp., OH 45069

Fund Activity

<i>Balance as of 01/01/2019</i>	<i>3,610.36</i>
Donor Contributions	615.76
Investment Activity	
Interest & Dividends	0.00
Investment Growth	0.00
Disbursements	
Grants	0.00
Other Expenses	0.00
Fund Administrative Fee	0.00
Total Expenses	0.00
Miscellaneous Transfers	0.00
<i>Balance as of 02/06/2019</i>	<i>4,226.12</i>

Detail

CONTRIBUTIONS:

Donor	Date	Amount
Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Rumpke	01/10/2019	615.76
*** Total Gifts:		615.76