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**Liberty Township Parks Committee
Meeting Minutes
6:30pm, May 30th, 2017
Liberty Township Meeting Center
6400 Princeton Road**

I. Call to Order 6:30

II. Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Rhonda Freeze

- Roll Call : Rhonda Freeze, President;
- Michel Price, Vice President; Kurt Feldmann, Secretary;
- Ron Aylward, Treasurer; Members: Dave Linter, Chuck Holliday, Laurie Ballenger, Bill Walker, Maureen Mowl, Parks Liaison, Rick Plummer; Ethan Crowther, Boy Scout; Holly Crowther, Boy Scout Parent;

1. Ethan Crowther, 14 Year Old, presented his Eagle Scout Project concept. Ethan intends to construct a pergola identical, or similar, to the one built by Jacob Wood at Wetlands. Ethan plans on locating his pergola at Cherokee Park.

Kurt Feldmann motioned for the project to proceed with Township input as necessary. Chuck Holliday Seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

III. Approve Minutes (4/25/2017)

- Motion to Approve as amended: Bill
- Second: Maureen
- Roll Call: All in Favor; Unanimous passage;
- Discussion Kurt Feldmann and Ron Aylward amended for Treasurer's report included in lieu of separate document.

IV. Treasurer's Report (Ron Aylward)

Balance of \$1804 on a statement from Ron (3-31-17 thru 5-30-17) was disseminated at meeting. The balance in the account as of May 30th was \$1804.00.

1. From March 31st through April 25th, 2017 additional deposits were:
 - \$50 generated by Maureen's sale of 5 Buddy Cards
 - \$265 income from the 2nd Annual Disc Golf Tournament on April 22nd, 2017
 - \$10 from sale of Buddy cards at Disc Golf Tournament
 - \$125 from Steve Lennartz from the Native Plant Sale.
 - Discussion: Maureen sold 5 Buddy cards; Plant sales for Allen park Butterfly Garden \$125
 - Motion to Approve: Laurie
 - Second: Bill
 - Roll Call: All in Favor; Unanimous passage;

V. Report from Township Liaison (Rick Plummer)

- \$163,000 Turnbridge Grant was approved. Turnbridge will be connected to Cherokee Park via pathway.
- Wear issue of slide repaired at Ft Liberty with plastic weld. The slide will be replaced as soon as possible through Leathers and Associates- the original supplier. They're the only ones capable of doing the job. Rick stated that the

spraying of poison hemlock at Reserves Park is now scheduled for May 31st. Rick added the caveat- wind willing.

- Metro Parks/Dudley Park Update: The new logo featuring a “log cabin” is ordered for Dudley Park on Hankins. The park will feature updated Liberty Township signage to reflect the logo as well.
- Chuck Holliday interjected an important point about Allen Park at this point. Chuck stated that Air Care Helicopter Medevac has used the eastern portion of Allen Park as a landing zone twice in the past three months. Kurt mentioned that this is an ideal spot (only spot) for a landing zone, in that target area, based on the unfettered grass and convenient unobstructed location. We need to take this into account prior to any further improvements to that portion of Allen Park.

VI. Reports

- Trails Committee (Bill Walker): See supervisor report on Turnbridge Trail.
- Public Outreach (Maureen Mowl): The new marketing officer has been updating Google maps, updating our website. She has added the fishing event to Butler County Connect. Facebook will be live on June 15th. Christy wants two weeks lead time for events. Maureen will channel our information and requests to her.
- Dudley Woods Lakota Schools(Chuck Holliday): 120 Lakota 8th Graders participated in this hands-on, interactive educational event conducted by BCSWO.
- Tree Walk/Dudley Woods (Bill Walker)
 - 5/18/2017 report: 12 participants enjoyed a good walk. They discovered that we could use more benches at this park.

VII. Upcoming Events

- Barry Thiel Memorial School of Fish (Kurt Feldmann/Michel Price)
 - Date: 6/17/2017
 - Kurt performs dedication and introduction of event. Michel is responsible for the execution and implementation of the event. Bill Walker will implement the event if Michel cannot. We will have many of the same fishing stations as previous years.
 - Raffle prizes from sponsors.
 - Four volunteers are needed at a minimum.
- Return to Cherokee Park (Chuck Holliday)
 - Date: 10AM until noon 6/3/2017 Dave is going to lead a Saturday walk to highlight the restoration project. This is a pretty mild walk. The total distance 1-2 miles. Attendees can walk as little or as much as they like. This event will be disseminated on the Township website.
- Parade/5 K Run (Laurie Ballenger)
 - Date: 7/4/2017 Review Laurie’s document and assign tasks

VIII. Work-in-Progress

- Sunset Yoga: Michel will follow up with Andrew from the YMCA to ensure that Rick and the Township have a certificate of liability. YMCA leads the marketing.

IX. Board Discussion

- Rhonda initiates a discussion about conducting meetings in the parks in order to gain committee perspective of the value for on-site meetings. Everyone agreed that there is value to varying extents.
- Kurt proposed that we conduct a hyper-focused effort on one, at most two, specific parks for the remainder of the season.
- Kurt motions to conduct next meeting at Dudley Park (Hankins) in order to effectively appraise our newly reacquired park and determine an optimization plan for the park.
Chuck Seconded and the motion unanimously passed.

X. Next Meeting:

- 6/27/2017 @ 6:30 p.m.
Wm. F & Cora Dudley Memorial Woods (Hankins)

XI. Motion to Adjourn 8:30 PM

- Motion Kurt
- Second Bill
- Roll Call: All in Favor; Unanimous passage;