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**Liberty Township Parks Committee
Meeting Minutes
6:30p.m. June 27, 2017
Dudley Woods Park – Hankins Road
If Inclement Weather:
6400 Princeton Road**

- I. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 6:32pm
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Rhonda Freeze
- III. **Roll Call**
 - Rhonda Freeze, President X
 - Michel Price, Vice President X
 - Kurt Feldmann, Secretary O
 - Ron Aylward, Treasurer X
 - Members: Dave Linter X Chuck Holliday X Laurie Ballenger X
Bill Walker X Maureen Mowl X Parks Liaison, Rick Plummer X
- IV. **Introduce Guest:** Liberty Township trustee Steve Schramm was present as a liaison to trustees
- V. **Approve Minutes (5/30/2017)**
 - Motion to Approve: Bill Walker
 - Second: Ron Aylward
 - Discussion: No discussion
 - Roll Call: All approved
- VI. **Treasurer's Report (Ron Aylward)**
 - Motion to Approve: Laurie Ballenger
 - Second: Bill Walker
 - Discussion:
 - Marine Lennartz (Heritage Girls) wrote a letter to Rick including a \$168.44 gift card for Liberty Township parks from Lowes. Ron will write a thank you note. Two buddy cards were sold at Fish event for LaRosas. Liberty Township Moms Club has also been in contact to make a donation to parks committee. Money will hopefully be on report next month. Balance is \$1,824.00
 - Roll Call: All approved
- VII. **Report from Township Liaison (Rick Plummer)**
 - Starting July 17th - Feecon available for rent for one full week - working at Allen to clear up honeysuckle. Chuck has flagged area.
 - New kiosks has gone in at incline park. This was put in due to the old one being removed for construction of the Maud Hughes bridge replacement project.

- Mowed Wilhelmina park - couple of residents did call to complain that they are getting rid of the habitat and asking what is going on. Went two years without mowing except for front area. Chuck mentioned there are some pear trees that need to be taken down - has to be a field. Rick will make a note.
- All ponds treated with sonar for algae. (Dudley Reserves & Cherokee)
- Harris Capp (Resident) would like to do some work at Dudley Memorial Work. Wants to clean out some of the tributaries area... Repairs bird blind and rails. New Colbert is in at Dudley Woods.
- Maureen asked for slide update. Rick said that he contact manufacture and they will do an inspection for 1800. Committee members emphasize something needs to be done either take off line or do quick fix again and keep trying to find a solution.

VIII. Activity Reports

- Michel Price

● School of Fish

Went really well this year. Had 70 children sign in with more who probably came and didn't actually register due to showing up late. Estimate 120 total people. Father's Day weekend may be a great weekend to stick to. Laurie said working at registration table that she got the impression the timing helped. Most kids under 10. Boy Scout troop came and American Heritage was present. Chuck helped give out information at an event he did a week prior. Thank you notes have been written and given out. It was nice having a fresh alternative at event In regards to fresh produce. Certificates were great.

● Yoga in the Park

10 people were present for this event. Beautiful day for first day. Had around the pond at Dudley Memorial. Laura did a very zen beginner friendly version. Next dates are July 7 and August 11 at 5:45pm-6:45pm

- Maureen Mowl

● Public Outreach/Social Media

A detailed summary was passed around to members. Seeing great success getting visibility to the parks. Marketing was provided for Sunset Yoga, School of Fish and Return to Cherokee Walk. Uploaded minutes and agendas to website for parks committee and working on chalk rub for parks passport for kids. Liberty Township Facebook page is live as of June 15th. Maureen asked Bill to get her pictures and verbiage for Butterfly Walk in August. No other requests were given.

- Dave Linter

● Return to Cherokee Park

Lightly attended with 8 people in attendance. Made it 1/3 of the way through the park. For this type of event this is typical attendance. Chuck said there was a conflict or two with the timing which may be why it was not well attended.

Construction project is holding up well. The planting part has had issues due to spraying. Dave will follow up with Rick to get somebody out there. Rick mentioned we will have to wait and see how it goes at least one year for contractors.

- Chuck Holliday

Shared with group of scouts about fishing event. Took about 25 garbage

bags of invasive plants out of Dudley Woods area. There were 40 volunteers. Shows significant differenc

- **Bill Walker:** No report
- **Laurie Ballenger:** See Parade / 5K Run

IX. Upcoming Events

- **Parade/5 K Run (Laurie Ballenger & Rick Plummer)**

- Date: 7/4/2017
- Volunteers

4th of July event coming up. Rick will bring trailer day of
Who can help: Laurie, Michel + 5 kids, Bill (maybe), Dave & Maureen might help with trailer. Rick will provide hay bales. Meet at Lakota East at 9am.

- **Fall Festival** - Need more information on when this is.

X. Work-in-Progress

- Discussion, timeline, process, etc. regarding Park Review Assessment Tool
 - Worked on updating form - Maureen will update document and bring blank form to critique to next meeting.
 - Take out “camping” out of Facilities
 - Maureen recommended that we have a word document that explains each assessment item in the future.

XI. Board Discussion

- Maureen recommended a consent agenda to leave more time for park assessments
- Rick mentioned interested resident in Parks committee - Rhonda will reach out

XII. Next Meeting:

- 7/25/2017 @ 6:30 p.m.
Dudley Woods (Hankins)

XIII. Adjournment

- Motion: Ron Aylward
- Second: Bill Walker
- Roll Call: All approved
- Time: 7:44pm