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**Liberty Township Parks Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
6:30p.m. July 25, 2017  
Dudley Woods Park – Hankins Road**

- I. Call to Order 6:34 PM Michel Price**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance 6:34 PM Michel Price**
- III. Roll Call**
  - Rhonda Freeze, President \_\_Absent
  - Michel Price, Vice President \_\_Present
  - Kurt Feldmann, Secretary \_\_Present
  - Ron Aylward, Treasurer \_\_Present
  - Members: Dave Linter Present\_\_ Chuck Holliday Present\_\_ Laurie Ballenger \_Present\_ Bill Walker \_Present\_ Maureen Mowl Present\_\_ Parks Liaison, Rick Plummer Present \_\_
- IV. Introduction of Guest(s) Windsor Estates Park Neighbors: Mark Fisher, Kristy Malott, Beth Dietz, Tammy Allen; Liberty Township Trustee- Tom Farrell**
- V. Approve Minutes (6/27/2017)**
  - Motion to Approve: Bill walker
  - Second: Chuck Holliday
  - Discussion: Minor changes only
  - Roll Call: Unanimous, All in favor; Minutes approved
  
  - **Treasurer's Report** (Ron Aylward) Balance as of June 30, 2017 is \$1850.29. The year beginning balance was \$1463.05. We have a cash inflow of \$570 from donors and fundraising sales. Our total expenses are \$186.29. Mr. & Mrs. Steven Lennartz donated \$125 in May. The Moms Club of Liberty Township North donated \$ 50 on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Ron noted that our existing supply of LaRosa's Buddy Cards are still active and viable for sale.
  
  - Motion to Approve: Maureen Mowl
  - Second: Bill Walker
  - Discussion: Community Foundation Financial Statement was circulated.
  - Roll Call: Unanimous, All in favor; Report approved
- VI. Activity Reports (Consent Agenda) We discussed that the intent**

**of the Consent Agenda was to push discussion items for full review prior to the meeting in order to streamline the actual meeting. While this is essential for Trustee Meetings, we found that it is not necessary for the Parks Committee. We can email items of interest but all items will be open to discussion and review at the monthly meetings. Rick Plummer can send us his monthly report in advance for our preview. However, his report will still be discussed.**

- Michel Price: Sunset Yoga was cancelled on July 7<sup>th</sup>. The session will be rescheduled for September 15<sup>th</sup> based on Laura from the YMCA.
- Maureen Mowl: New fliers or advertisements need two weeks notice. Event modifications and cancellations need to be submitted to Maureen no later than 4PM on the day of the event for it to make the Facebook page.
- Dave Linter: This is an optimal time to take a walk through Cherokee Park as the Wildflowers are in bloom.
- Chuck Holliday: Incredible results on the east side of Allen Park with the Honeysuckle eradication effort. The pictures do not even do it justice. Michele Allen should be sent a thank you letter from the Trustees for funding this effort.
- An Eagle Scout is looking to replace a 20 year old bridge at Dudley memorial Park on Yankee Road.
- LTPC will request a FECON Honeysuckle eradicator as a line item in the next budget based on its decisive results at Allen Park.
- Bill Walker: Cancel Fall Tree Walk on September 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Ron Aylward: No park map exists at Dudley Park on Yankee Road. There are other parks that are missing maps as well. We can correct this by using our aerial photo maps from master plan.
- Kurt Feldmann: Emphasized need to standardize kiosk information to include updated maps and up to date Township information.
- Rick Plummer: Parks update was printed and disseminated at the meeting. It is, as follows:

**Allen Park** – Honeysuckle removed throughout the park and along both east and west property lines. Several dead trees were also cut down and approximately 8-10 more will be removed once the area dries out from flooding.

**Cherokee Park** – Open field areas were mowed and bridge accessing southern field required extensive repair due to flooding and washout.

**Ft. Liberty Playland**– Slide was removed due to excessive wear along the slide platform causing a potential safety issue. New slide has been ordered from Detailed Pro Play Systems and should arrive the week of 8/7.

**Dudley Memorial Park** – Park signage was installed between the shelter and both playground areas to make park users aware of the pond located to the east of these structures. Signs identifying “Dudley Park Pond Area” are now clearly visible for all residents visiting the park.

**Dudley Woods Park** – New park sign was installed at park entrance. Kiosk was painted. A new park entrance and trailhead connecting the Windsor Estates development has been completed and woodchips are currently being

placed along the trails that are extremely muddy. Existing trails were also widened.

**Reserves Park** – Spraying of Hemlock was done and additional spraying is scheduled for 8/14 in an effort to eradicate hazardous vegetation.

- **General Information** – A mapping of all park trails and paved paths throughout Liberty Township was completed several weeks ago utilizing a Goggle Trek device loaned to the township. I will keep everyone updated on any progress as we move forward promoting our parks through this technology

## **VII. Upcoming Events**

Fall Festival: Volunteers were requested. Ron, Laurie, Michel and Maureen volunteered for the LTPC.

## **VIII. Work-in-Progress**

Dudley Woods Park Review

## **IX. New Business**

Windsor Estates/Dudley Woods Park  
Dudley Memorial Park

Each LTPC Member conducted a thorough park review with identical metrics. These are the areas of importance and improvement for each member as captured by Michel Price and pasted below:

*Dave* : **Drinking fountain, Benches, Educational elements, trees, landscaping**

*Ron* : **Signage** only on trails

*Bill*: **Communication** (kiosks), More **benches** on trails, **Education, Museum, Accessibility**

*Maureen*: **Signage**(inadequate signage on trails, label of log cabin, mile markers, You are here signs, **Communication center**(kiosks)Park rules, what is blackberry trail? be on lookout for..."plants, trees, birds, flier. , **Drinking fountain, Educational elements** be on lookout (plants, trees, birds flier, Log cabin. **Walking trails** poor signage and dug up from vehicle/ some maintenance issues.

*Chuck*: Education, Museum, Benches on trails

*Kurt*: **Communication center** must improve-needs good map, **Walking trails** -trails soft & torn well marked need groom, **Signage**:add approach sign, **Trees**-species signage, **landscaping**

*Michel*: **safety** - thought that the planted flowers hid the drop off of the creek. **Signage**-WFM & Carol sign top rail has dry rot needs replacing, all signs need a good power washing. **Communication center**: Kiosks need liberty township info included, maps etc. **Educational Elements**: cabin needs a sign explaining the history. **Museum**: Need some type of showcase for this cabin.

Windsor Estates Guests: All four neighbors representing Windsor Estates were appreciative of the new access to their neighboring park. They were also enthusiastic about volunteer opportunities in the future. Mark Fisher asked a clarifying question about the public right of way

regarding the park access path that was created in Windsor Estates. All attendees were advised that this access point is a public access point from a public street to a public park. The Sheriff's department should be called for any illicit activity or any after-hours issues since the park closes at dusk.

ATV usage is not allowed in the park and is grounds for law enforcement notification.

In summary, more good activity in this park will lead to less bad activity occurring.

LTPC appreciated Mark, Kristy, Beth, and Tammy attending the meeting and taking such an enthusiastic interest in their neighboring park.

**X. Next Meeting**

**Be prepared to change the October Meeting since it falls on Halloween Night.**

- 8/29/2017 @ 6:30 p.m.

Location: \_\_\_\_Allen Park\_\_\_\_\_

**XI. Adjournment 8:28 PM**

- Motion: Kurt
- Second: Maureen
- Roll Call: Unanimous, All in favor
- Time: 8:28 PM