

Park Committee Minutes

August 2018

- I. Call to order Called to order at 6:31pm
- II. Roll Call
 - A. Present: Michel Price, Laurie Ballenger, Maureen Mowl, Kim Sippy, Bill Walker, Dave Lintner, Tom Eckels
 - B. Absent: Tony Gilmore & Rick Plummer
- III. Introduction of Guests
 - A. Major Robinson - Liberty Township community member who is interested in joining committee
- IV. Ratification of Minutes
 - A. Paul Strumpf and Bill Walker to coordination on collaboration.
 - B. 7. "Discussion spending request" not budget
 - C. Motion to approve: Laurie Ballenger
 - D. Second: Bill Walker
- V. Quarterly Report - Treasury
 - A. Still have \$90.00 in petty cash and 4 buddy cards that need to be sold.
 - B. Will have report from township for next month
 1. Try to sell remaining two buddy cards at Fall Festival
- VI. Spending requests for 2019
 - A. Park Committee events/expenditures
 1. Cost for the Fecon attachment is already included in the budget and is not a park committee budget item. We have a new machine so we only need to rent the attachment.
 2. Continue on spending request of \$1,500 moving forward for all park committee events.
 - a) Next year buy more candy for 4th of July event
 - b) Add wooden signage for Parks Committee board
 - (1) Question came up regarding storage
 - (2) Possibly look at vinyl or other type of signage that may be easier to store
 - (3) If we are below budget currently then we can ask for this expense now.
- VII. New Park Business -
 - A. Fall Festival September 29, 2018 Volunteers (11am-3pm)
 1. Maureen can do last two hours of the event
 2. Tom can do first two hours of the event
 3. Major Robinson can do morning shift
 4. Michel will be there entire time
 5. Kim Sippy may be there but is a maybe
 6. Bill Walker will show up and take photos
 7. Dave can do it if needed
 8. Ideas
 - a) Michel's daughter would like to do face painting at event
 - b) Temporary tattoos
 - c) Blow up balloons
 - d) Raffle off plants at 2pm - must be present
- VIII. Updates
 - A. Report from township
 1. Eagle Scout proposal
 - a) Voted in favor of proposal - All in favor of passing proposal

2. Email update from Rick: " The only update I have is regarding the Turnbridge/Cherokee path project and Bill can elaborate on it if needed. No word yet on the Dudley shelter grant."
- B. Trail meeting
1. Turnbridge Cherokee path update: We are on the third year of a one year project due to some delays. Things are signed and bids have gone out for pavement. We are moving forward. There is hope to have interconnectedness (Miami to Miami) of trails with surrounding townships.
- C. Subcommittee Work days - No report
- IX. Continuing park business
- A. Dog Park
1. Bill was able to get tracking and it averaged 181 cars per day at VOA over four days (two week and two weekend days)
 2. Once we get numbers together than we can input proposal together.
 3. Tom met with Hamilton City Parks and found out that they fought for a grant around \$100,000 (2 - 2.5 acres recommended because dogs tear up the area with usage). There was also a high increase in complaints (larger dogs attacking smaller dogs). Going forward we need to look at funding options. This may mean that Incline Park may not be a good option due to the location and parking availability. Maybe talk about Wilhelmina as possibility. Major recommends looking at Carriage Hill regarding dog park in that neighborhood. May be more comparable to what we are looking at. Tom to touch base with Andy from the township.
- X. Open Discussion
- A. September 8th Nature Walk
1. Be sure to have it marketed to township members
- B. Bill to have a 2019 plan of events for Metroparks
- C. Discussion on making recommendation to township to plan for further monies/man power allocated to take care of invasive species present in the parks
- D. Bill Walker to set up meeting with Lynn White regarding Butler County connections.
- E. Bob Henn - are we continuing to use him in the Spring?
1. Yes - we need to look into what was given to him so that we continue to have this.
- F. Bill Walker to ask Mrs. Holliday if she has email distribution list regarding hikes
- G. Liaison for marketing - is this needed?
- H. Put together list of things to do at the parks - advertise at fall festival / website
1. Geocaching
 2. Dog walking
 3. Pokémon Hunt
 4. Disc Golf
- XI. Adjournment - Meeting ended at 8:15pm
- A. Bill Walker motion
- B. Kim Sippy second