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**Liberty Township Parks Committee
Minutes
6:30 P.M. August 29, 2017
Inclimate Weather: LTPMC
6400 Princeton Road**

- I. Call to Order 6:38 PM
- II. Pledge of Allegiance: 6:39 PM Led by Michel Price
- III. Roll Call
 - Michel Price, Vice President__P__
 - Kurt Feldmann, Secretary_P__
 - Ron Aylward, Treasurer P__Members: Laurie Ballenger_A_, Chuck Holliday_P_, Dave Lintner_P_,
Maureen Mowl_P_,
Bill Walker_P_, Parks Liaison, Rick Plummer__P
- IV. Immediate Action Business: Due to the voluntary resignation of President Rhonda Freeze in early August, the committee moved to instantly fill the vacant President position. After a brief discussion, Maureen Mowl motioned that: Michel Price immediately begin service as President; Kurt Feldmann begins service as Vice President and Maureen Mowl begins service as Secretary. Ron Aylward will maintain his role as Treasurer in order to optimize continuity. Kurt Feldmann will be responsible for the August Meeting Minutes in his new role as Vice President. Maureen is responsible for subsequent meeting minutes.
Kurt Feldmann seconded this motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
- V. Introduction of Guests:
 - Steve Schramm, Liberty Township Trustee
 - Loring Leitzel- Eagle Scout Project: Loring Leitzel a member of Life Scout Troop 941 detailed his plan to construct a 24 foot long replacement bridge in Dudley Memorial Park. He will actually prefabricate most pieces to expedite onsite construction time. Loring was well prepared and understands the process he must follow with Township Supervisor Rick Plummer. His detailed presentation is included as an attachment in electronic form.

- Kurt Feldmann motioned to approve.
- Ron Aylward seconded the motion. The project was unanimously approved.

VI. Approval of Minutes (7/25/2017)

- Motion to Approve: Bill Walker
- Second: Michel Price
- Discussion: No changes noted
- Roll Call: Unanimous All In Favor

VI. Treasurer's Report (Ron Aylward) Balance \$1850.29 unchanged

- Motion to Approve: Bill
- Second: Maureen
- Discussion: Marina Lennartz donated a Lowe's Gift Card valued at \$168.44.
- Roll Call: Unanimous All In Favor

VII. Planned Spending for 2018 year

\$1500 planned park expenditures.

Ron brought up spending opportunities for Wilhelmina. Steve Schramm contributed that we need to find third party support, or a benefactor, for Parks spending of the scale required for Wilhelmina. Kurt suggested that park development be an element in planned giving or estate giving.

Kurt asked about FECON opportunities to eradicate Honeysuckle in the efficacious manner that we saw at Allen Park.

Kurt then asked Chuck Holliday the three key areas for FECON deployment:

1. Wetlands, in order to enhance security, visibility and mobility
2. Dudley Woods on Hankins
3. Dudley Memorial on Yankee, in order to enhance mobility and safety.

Rick Plummer will put \$3000 for one week of FECON rental into the budget.

VIII. Activity Report (Emailed Activities)

- Township Supervisor Report for both July and August are pasted below, starting with July.

Liberty Township Parks Update



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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 Play land – 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 widen.

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.



8/23/17

Liberty Township Parks Update

- Posted park identification signs on Hankins Road near Dudley Woods entrance.
- New laminated parks maps and event information posted in all park kiosks.
- Paths trimmed in Wetlands Parks along paved area and pond trails.
- Continued with cleanup of dead tree removal in area where deforestation was completed at Allen Park and began spraying regrowth of Honeysuckle.
- New slide installed at Ft. Liberty Play Land.
- Woodchips added to fall zone of swing set area at Dudley Memorial Park.
- Met with Boy Scout (Kyle Dombrowski) regarding potential Eagle Scout project at Dudley Woods. Building and installing several benches along existing and new trails was suggested and Kyle appeared to be interested. I will keep you posted on progress once I hear back from Kyle with confirmation.
- Inventory of township trails utilizing the Google Trekker has been completed and should be available on Goggle Earth Oct-Nov.
- New Liberty Township parks brochure draft completed and attached for review by committee.

- Liberty Township Fall Fest planned for September 23rd, 11am – 3pm.

Parks Monthly Summary – August 2017 From Maureen Mowl

1. Sunset Yoga
 - Added the August event to the Newsflash section of the website.
 - Tweeted event reminders on 8/4, 8/9, and 8/11.
 - Published Facebook post about the event on 8/11.
 - Created an event listing on Facebook for the September event.
 - Added the September event listing to the website calendar.
2. Butterfly Walk
 - Added the event to the Newsflash section of the website.
 - Tweeted about the event on 8/18 and will tweet again on 8/24, 8/25, and 8/26.
 - Will publish a Facebook post about the event on 8/24.
 - Included an article about the event in the August Township Update e-blast.
3. Fall Tree Walk
 - Due to the cancellation of the event, the event listing was removed from all calendars on the website.
 - Requests were made for the event to be removed from various event websites.
4. Parks-themed Facebook posts in August
 - Wetlands photo gallery, 8/3
 - Park spotlight: Dudley Memorial Park, 8/8
 - Park spotlight: Dudley Woods Park, 8/14
 - On-schedule, Park spotlight: Allen Park, 8/29

Looking Ahead to September

Continuing promotion and/or new promotion of the following items:

- Fall Festival
- More “Park Spotlight” Facebook post

- Midwest Native Plant Conference- Bill & Laurie

IX. Upcoming Events

- YMCA- Sunset Yoga Sept 15, 2017 5:45 pm Dudley Memorial Park
- Liberty Township- Fall Festival Sept 23, 2017
- Volunteers: Chuck, Ron, Laurie, Maureen 1-3 PM, Michel, Dave Litner if needed plus one.

X. Work-in-progress

- Allen Park Review
- Top 5 Issues/Concerns/Recommendations from each member- turn in

Reviews

- October 24, 2017 LTPC meeting at LTMC, 6400 Princeton Road; Kurt Feldmann motioned for the date change in order to avoid conflict with Halloween. Maureen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XI. Next Meeting

- September 26, 2017
- Allen Park in order to compensate for this month's site postponement.

XII. Adjournment

- Motion: Michel
- Second: Ron
- Roll Call: Unanimous All In Favor
- Time: 8:38 PM