



## MINUTES

### LIBERTY TOWNSHIP-PARKS COMMITTEE

**January 18, 2021 @ 6:00 pm**

#### **Zoom – Virtual Call**

Next Meeting Date: February 15, 2021 Location: Virtual - Zoom

**Park Committee Members:** Bill Walker, President | Kim Sippy, Vice President | Ted Sitchanoff, Secretary | Paul Dittman, Treasurer | Dave Lintner | Laurie Ballenger | Cleopatra Kum | Rick Plummer, Parks Liaison |

**Call to Order time:** 6:01pm

**Roll Call:** Present – Bill, Kim, Paul, Ted, Rick, Dave, Cleo

**Absent:** Laurie

**Guest:** Christine Maticic, Trustee Liaison

**Ratify of Minutes, previous meeting:** January 2021 minutes ratified, Dave moved, Kim 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Quarterly Reports:** No report, will be available in February

**Updates:**

#### **Township Liaison Report – Rick:**

- Resident of Stonehenge subdivision received seedlings from the Audubon Society mid December and offered to the township
  - Currently planted at the maintenance building (approx. 10 trees planted)
- Reports of recent vehicle break-ins at the parks
  - Rick to follow up with the Lieutenant
  - Occurrences at Ft. Liberty, Wetlands, and others

**Bill:** Parks committee received Friends of Conservation award

- Bill will attend Trustee meeting on January 19, 2021 to receive
- Lynn White has groups interested in helping to clean up the parks. Must stay mindful of COVID limits capabilities for larger cleanups

**Dave:**

- Heritage Girls cleanup 10/31/20
  - Approximately 12 people attended, Ted/Dave worked on clearing a few areas of honeysuckle at Turnbridge/Cherokee Parks

**Continuing Park Business:**

- Calendar review
  - Rick will look at the last calendar and we'll target same weekends for events for CY2021
  - Will leverage the township website for event posting
  - Unknown number of attendees projected due to COVID
- Lakota Fair
  - Virtual Fair invite received, parks will opt out as we need interaction with people to provide overview of parks opportunities
  - Motion to opt out presented by Kim, Ted 2nd

**Round table discussion:**

**Christine:**

- Twp meeting center on Princeton Rd. no longer an option
- Committee will plan on meeting virtually through at least March

**Dave:**

- Looking at the value of hours spent on volunteering. Other communities do this to estimate costs when applying for grants
- Busy fall of volunteer work, 170 new trees and shrubs (139 trees, 31 shrubs)
- Estimated 1,030 volunteer hours at the parks in 2020

**Adjournment:** 7:05pm, 1<sup>st</sup> Paul, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kim; unanimous in favor