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Subject: Green Space/Parks Committee Minutes 2/3/16

The following are minutes to the Green Space/Parks Meeting on 2/3/16

Attendees: Alex Dadalt, Allen Freeman, Bonnie Batchler, George Carpenter, Donna Cann, Mark Cann, Pat Hogan, Sherrill Callahan, Tim Hershner, Doug Dresie, Bob Greiwe

1. Ohio Capital Fund Application Update
 - a. Application for the Restroom and Parks improvement grant was submitted to both Representative Green and Senator Uecker on January 15. The Trustees were in Columbus the week of January 23 and Allen discussed the application with both while there. Allen has discussed the application with New Richmond Schools and the Clermont County Engineer. Both have indicated they would send letters of support for the project. We have until February 20 to send the letters. Pat Hogan is to solicit a letter from the Boy Scouts troop as the program will provide community service opportunities for them as well.
 - b. Allen also mentioned two other upcoming grant opportunities. The DNR Clean Ohio Trails Fund deadline is April 1. The OKI Transportation Alternatives grant deadline is May 27.
 - c. Bob Greiwe also mentioned the DNR Natureworks grant and Interact for Health as other potential opportunities.
2. Master Plan Progress
 - a. Bob Greiwe of David Williams Associates (DWA) introduced his company. They are manufacturer's representative for park equipment and structures as well as a consultant for park and playground design. They worked with Pierce Township on the last improvement to the playground equipment. Bob left several books with the group of various products that they represent.
 - b. Reviewed Master Plan in its current iteration. It is about 80% complete. By April, the final draft will be presented to the Trustees and finalize the plan by May.
 - c. DWA provided budget pricing on several of the elements that George compiled into a document. Items included a shelter house, stage/shelter house, clock tower, covered picnic tables and benches. Everything is still preliminary in nature and represent options of what could be as far as options for the park.
 - d. Discussed fitness and playground equipment. ADA accessible options were reviewed and discussed. There are good options that can be added to the existing playground. Reviewed some of these in the booklets Bob brought with him. Transfer platforms provide easier access to playground equipment. The "Rock in Raft" seemed very appealing to the group as a potential future addition to the playground. Bob indicated that playground upgrades are great for volunteers to work on.
 - e. DWA also has the capability to do splash pads and rubber surfaces. They have installed these at Beech Acres in Anderson.
 - f. Bob will come back during the day to evaluate the current condition of the playground equipment. George Carpenter will meet him there on 2/4/16.
 - g. Mark Cann is working on getting quotes for ballfield fence replacement.
 - h. Discussed potential exterior finishes of the park structures. We will probably stay with stone/brick to keep consistent with the Township building. Metal roof also would be the preferred material. The group does need to establish standards for consistency.

3. Park Festival/Fundraiser planned for July 23, 2016
 - a. Reviewed some of the preliminary marketing/sponsorship materials George drafted. The Trustees need to grant authority to committee members to solicit sponsorships and donations to help fund the event. George has commitments from the Taylor Shannon Band to perform and a custom car group to come to the event. Both groups would do the event pro bono. George has received a commitment from Mt. Carmel Brewing Company for the event and received cost and potential return information from them. George is also in discussions with Larosa's for the event.
 - b. The group needs to establish a budget for the event for review of the Trustees. Those interested in helping plan the event need to meet more frequently to develop course of action and develop the budget. George will host the first meeting on Monday, 2/8/16 at his home to work on the budget and develop a list of potential sponsor. George will send an invitation. There will be considerable volunteer help needed for this event.
 - c. The group also needs to set deadlines for fundraising for the event and a drop dead date for cancelation if fundraising does not go as planned.
 - d. Tim is to follow up on the cost of a supplemental insurance policy for the event.
4. Green Space/Parks Charter Enhancement
 - a. Doug provided an updated draft resolution for parks to Tim, Allen, and Bonnie. Doug is to send the electronic version to Tim. The Trustees need to act on a resolution as the current parks initiatives (master planning, fundraising, etc.) are progressing without a formal authorization for the committee to proceed.

NEXT MEETING, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2016, 6:30PM