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

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

Attendees: Alex Dadalt, Allen Freeman, George Carpenter, Mark Cann, Pat Hogan, Tim Hershner, Bob Hinklin, Doug Dresie, Carter Ferguson, Jamie Ferguson, Mike Hinninger, Zach Hinninger

1. The group welcomed Boy Scouts Jamie Ferguson and Zach Hinninger along with their fathers Jamie Ferguson and Mike Hinninger. Both were attending the meeting as part of an educational assignment.
2. Grant Opportunity Updates
  - a. Ohio Capital Fund: Allen spoke with Doug Green on 3/2. We don't expect much movement on this until after the 3/15 Primary Election.
  - b. ODNR Recreational Trails Fund, deadline 4/1: The application is very lengthy at 89 pages. Allen expressed concern with some of the regulations associated with it due to the flow through of federal funds potential impact on project costs. Allen is to review further. It was decided that we would complete the application. Allen is to work on it and reach out to others in the group for review and help if needed. George is to work on the estimate for the Pierce History Trail, as this will be the element of the request.
  - c. OKI Transportation Alternative, deadline May 27: Allen believes this opportunity may be easier than ODNR. There are more local Clermont committee members involved with OKI which could help influence.
  - d. Other potential grants: State Historic Preservation Office.
3. Master Plan Progress
  - a. Reviewed the current plan: The stage location is effective as shown. Reviewed potential playground upgrades as suggested by Bob Greiwe of David Williams Associates. This included potential ADA upgrades.
  - b. Discussed Trustee rollout: At the next Green Space/Parks Meeting on 4/6, the committee will review final form. George will have a copy to everyone in advance. Any changes will be agreed upon on 4/6. Any changes will be incorporated prior to the Trustee Meeting on 4/13. Goal is to have a motion to approve the Master Plan from the Trustees in their meeting on 4/13.
  - c. George is working on a Table of Contents for the Master Plan. Part of what is to be expressed is driving use of the parks. By 3/16, all are to provide George with feedback on the Table of Contents with park programming ideas. Some potential future elements were brought up such as a skate park or dog park.
4. Park Festival/Fundraiser planned for July 23, 2016
  - a. Doug discussed sponsorship with Lowes. They do not do cash donations; however, they will donate something from the store, like a small piece of equipment that we could auction or raffle.
  - b. George has discussed sponsorship with Riverhills Bank. They will review and consider.
  - c. Duke Energy has agreed to donate \$3,000 for the launch of the Master Plan. They do not want sponsorship recognition.
  - d. We are still waiting to hear back from Kroger on sponsorship.
  - e. The Township will provide a letter to sponsors for tax purposes.

- f. The committee agreed that non-profits would be allowed to have a booth at the festival at no charge as long as they are not competing by selling food or drinks. It would be an opportunity for them to have community exposure.
  - g. Doug will e-mail a sponsorship packet to Mark Cann. (See attachments for others interested)
  - h. We need to have a resolution of support for the festival/fundraiser from the Trustees at the 3/9 Trustees Meeting.
5. Discussed other future sponsorship opportunities
- a. Banners for businesses at ballfields
  - b. Pavers at memorial
6. Discussed Trail clean-up
- a. Pat walked the trail with the Troop. This effort will also be opened up to other volunteers as well.
  - b. Pat will work on a schedule to publish and will have Laura post it on the calendar. This will need to be promoted to the community.
  - c. Pat will mark the trails.
7. Discussed Green Space/Parks Committee Resolution Enhancement
- a. Tim suggested a new separate resolution for just Parks and leave the Green Space as is. Joint meetings would still be the plan for now. Tim presented the resolution as well as the committee member letter of acknowledgement. Doug, George, and Pat signed letters.
  - b. This resolution will be on the Trustee agenda for the meeting on 3/9.
8. Parks Alliance Update
- a. Doug updated the group on the last Clermont County Parks Alliance meeting in February. One interesting item is the County is exploring putting a park levy on the ballot for November. They are conducting due diligence and phone surveys to gauge interest and support at this point. Doug did receive a survey call a week after the Parks Alliance meeting for this issue. Doug noted that one of the questions asked if support would be given to moneys flowing to the townships for parks.

**NEXT MEETING, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2016, 6:30PM**