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Board of Trustees

Regular Monthly Meeting

May 11, 2016

Pierce Priorities:

- Culture
- Quality of Life
- Pierce 2035

Meeting Agenda



4:30 p.m. Executive Session (to consider the employment and compensation of public employees - ORC 121.22 (G)(1)):	Chairman Pautke
6:30 p.m. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance	Trustee Batchler
Committee Updates: Green Space / Parks	George Carpenter– Parks
Zone Change Z2016-004	Administrator Hershner
Trustee Updates	Pautke/Batchler/Freeman
Approval of Minutes, Motions & Resolutions	Administrator Hershner
Open Floor Questions	Chairman Pautke
Adjournment	Chairman Pautke

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Board of Trustees

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Motions and Resolutions



A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of the Parks Committee, that the Board approve a set price, \$1,500.00, for donations of a bench with donor plaque. The bench and plaque to be purchased and placed by the Township in compliance with the Design Standards set forth in the Parks and Nature Space Master Plan.

1st: _____ 2nd: _____

Mrs. Batchler _____
Mr. Pautke _____
Mr. Freeman _____

A motion is made, based on the recommendation of the Parks Committee, that the board approve the Park and Nature Space Master Plan as previously submitted.

1st: _____ 2nd: _____

Mrs. Batchler _____
Mr. Pautke _____
Mr. Freeman _____

Motions and Resolutions



A motion is made, to set the Public Hearing date for _____ at _____ for zone change case Z2016-004.

1st: _____ 2nd: _____

Mrs. Batchler _____
Mr. Pautke _____
Mr. Freeman _____

A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Administrator Hershner, that the Board appoint Jeff Stitt to the Zoning Commission Board for a five year term from 06/01/2016 – 05/31/2021.

1st: _____ 2nd: _____

Mrs. Batchler _____
Mr. Pautke _____
Mr. Freeman _____

Motions and Resolutions



A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Fiscal Officer Schwey, that the Board approve the April 12 and 13, 2016 Board of Trustees meeting minutes.

1st: _____ 2nd: _____

Mrs. Batchler _____
Mr. Pautke _____
Mr. Freeman _____

A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Fiscal Officer Schwey, that the Board approve the bills from April 08, 2016 in the amount of \$74,181.55 as previously presented.

1st: _____ 2nd: _____

Mrs. Batchler _____
Mr. Pautke _____
Mr. Freeman _____

Motions and Resolutions



A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Fiscal Officer Schwey, that the Board approve the bills from March 31, 2016 in the amount of \$18,918.65 as previously presented.

1st: _____ 2nd: _____

Mrs. Batchler _____
Mr. Pautke _____
Mr. Freeman _____

A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Fiscal Officer Schwey, that the Board approve the bills from April 11, 2016 in the amount of \$26,386.02 as previously presented.

1st: _____ 2nd: _____

Mrs. Batchler _____
Mr. Pautke _____
Mr. Freeman _____

Motions and Resolutions



A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Fiscal Officer Schwey, that the Board approve the bills from April 19, 2016 in the amount of \$32,682.85 as previously presented.

1st: _____ 2nd: _____

Mrs. Batchler _____
Mr. Pautke _____
Mr. Freeman _____

A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Fiscal Officer Schwey, that the Board approve the payroll from April 20, 2016 in the amount of \$127,527.36 as previously presented.

1st: _____ 2nd: _____

Mrs. Batchler _____
Mr. Pautke _____
Mr. Freeman _____

Motions and Resolutions



A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Fiscal Officer Schwey, that the Board approve the bills from April 26, 2016 in the amount of \$134,039.04 as previously presented.

1st: _____ 2nd: _____

Mrs. Batchler _____
Mr. Pautke _____
Mr. Freeman _____

A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Fiscal Officer Schwey, that the Board approve the bills from April 29, 2016 in the amount of \$-19,940.28 as previously presented.

1st: _____ 2nd: _____

Mrs. Batchler _____
Mr. Pautke _____
Mr. Freeman _____

Motions and Resolutions



A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Fiscal Officer Schwey that the Board approve joining the Center for Local Governments Benefits Pool dental plan with Dental Care Plus.

1st: _____ 2nd: _____

Mrs. Batchler _____
Mr. Pautke _____
Mr. Freeman _____

A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Fiscal Officer Schwey that the Board approve the _____ Dental Care Plus plan for the year 2016 -2017.

1st: _____ 2nd: _____

Mrs. Batchler _____
Mr. Pautke _____
Mr. Freeman _____

Motions and Resolutions



A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Fiscal Officer Schwey that the Board approve the payment of the West Clermont School reimbursement in the amount of \$62,388.14.

1st: _____ 2nd: _____

Mrs. Batchler _____
Mr. Pautke _____
Mr. Freeman _____

A motion is made, based on the recommendation of Chief Wright, that the Board accept the resignation of part time employee Dennis Jason Kiefer effective immediately. He is leaving due to time constraints.

1st: _____ 2nd: _____

Mrs. Batchler _____
Mr. Pautke _____
Mr. Freeman _____

Motions and Resolutions



A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Chief Wright, that the Board hire Douglas Arthur Streeter Jr. as part time Firefighter/Paramedic at the established rate pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements and a 1 year probationary period.

1st: _____ 2nd: _____

Mrs. Batchler _____
Mr. Pautke _____
Mr. Freeman _____

Police Department Monthly Report



Statistical Data	Month 2016/2015	YTD 2016/2015
Total Service Calls:	632/630	2,439/2,897
Offense Reports:	31/68	136/308
Offenses Closed:	26/64	111/591
Incident Reports:	17/6	73/53
Traffic Stops:	137/116	600/604
Traffic Citations:	30/40	143/161
Juvenile Arrests:	3/5	7/22
Felony Arrests:	4/3	20/17
Misdemeanor Arrests:	27/40	106/210
Minor Misdemeanor Summons:	11/6	27/34
Adult Arrests:	28/38	118/214
Warrants Arrest:	27/16	64/61

Police Department Monthly Report



Statistical Data	Month 2016/2015	YTD 2016/2015
Court Details:	2/15	26/64
Mediation Referral:	1/12	4/28
Traffic Accidents:	5/9	20/32
Traffic Warnings:	70/58	277/268
Vehicles Towed:	2/3	11/9
Assist other Jurisdictions.:	41/61	160/220
Service Requests:	1,653/1,291	6,552/7,326
Burglar Alarms:	71/74	312/343
Open Places Found:	12/8	32/27
Business Checks:	1,921/1,798	8,511/8,210
Miles Driven:	18,166/19,948	125,908/88,988
Missing Reports:	1/1	4/3

Police Department Monthly Report



- April 1- Yearly Quarterly Report to the Ohio Department of Youth Services submitted.
- April 18- Sentencing of Nicole Fink to 9 months and Joshua Wood to 18 months in prison for Manufacturing Methamphetamines.
- April 20- St. Bernadette Girl Scouts came for a tour of the police station and to donate Girl Scout cookies to the police and fire departments.
- April 27- Court ordered property destruction of over 700 items destroyed by the police department with the assistance of public works personnel.
- April 30 – Pierce Township participated in the National Drug Take Back Day, with a total of 70 pounds of prescription drugs collected and destroyed by the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Police Department Monthly Report



CPA Training @ Rodney Gilbert Shooting Range



CPA @ 911 Communication Center



St. Bernadette Brownie Troop toured Pierce Township Police Department

Fire Department Monthly Report



Statistical Data	Month 2016/2015	YTD 2016/2015
Fire Details:	36 / 34	117 / 415
EMS Details:	120 / 121	393 / 1,322
Pierce Twp. Details:	100 / 90	313 / 1,127
Ohio Twp. Details:	56 / 21	197 / 337
Mutual Aid Given:	0 / 7	7 / 68
Mutual Aid Received:	8 / 2	17 / 24
Full Staffing:	10 / 45	62 / 408
One-short Staffing:	9 / 10	32 / 94
Minimum Staffing:	11 / 1	21 / 50
Mandations:	7 / 0	16 / 37
Hydrants Serviced:	464 / 0	489 / 1,524
Gear Inspections:	4 / 28	14 / 148

Fire Department Monthly Report



Statistical Data	Month 2016/2015	YTD 2016/2015
Trainings:	45 / 10	91 / 163
Training Hours:	49 / 25	155 / 622
Qty. Assurance Check:	156 / 155	440 / 1,759
Inspections:	1 / 3	4 / 164
Re-inspections:	2 / 2	21 / 87
Violations:	4 / 0	10 / 458
System Tests:	0 / 0	1 / 21
Plan Reviews:	0 / 0	8 / 18
Pre Plans:	7 / 7	7 / 102
Public Education:	19 / 15	46 / 160
Knox System Installs:	1 / 0	1 / 9
Civil Defense Siren Tests:	0 / 12	36 / 84

Fire Department Monthly Report



Statistical Data	Month 2016/2015	YTD 2016/2015
Public Records Req.:	7 / 4	21 / 58

- Arterial Bleed - patient fell on saw blade – crews transported quickly to U. C. Hospital
- D.O.A.'s – Had 3 Dead On Arrivals – 2 were drug related and 1 of natural causes
- Multi Car MVA on Ohio Pike – no major injuries – Medic got needle stick – ok now
- Major storms on 04-26-16 – out until 3:30am pumping basements and trees down
- Annual EMS Grant applied for by A/C Light – will find out results in near future
- Mayday study meeting – Chief Wright attended – Chiefs Assn. to adopt new policy
- School security measures changing – Chief Wright in contact with State to find out
- Annual fire hydrant maintenance started – several more to attend to yet
- County Twp. Association Banquet attended by Chief Wright and Chief Light
- New EMS Protocol went into effect on April 1, 2016 – good reports back from crews
- Captain Strunk came back to light duty on 04-18-16 – doing much better now
- Completed OGSM items pertaining to staffing, equipment and healthcare reform

Fire Department Monthly Report



New Life Squad



Vehicle Accident on Jenny Lind Road between West Concord & Lyons Road

Service Department Monthly Report



Statistical Data	Month 2016/2015	YTD 2016/2015
Roadway Maintenance (minor):	32/64	217/246
Roadway Maintenance (major):	1/0	1/0
Roadway Patching Projects:	3/0	3/0
Resurfacing (linear ft.):	0/0	0/0
Culvert Pipe (repair, replace, new):	1/1	1 / 2
Catch Basin (repair, replace, new):	1/0	3/0
Curb-Gutter (repair, replace, new):	0/0	8/0
Roadway striping (linear ft.):	0/0	0/0
Roadside Mowing (hours):	0/0	144/144
Street Sign Install (replace, new):	68/2	282/511

Service Department Monthly Report



Statistical Data	Month 2016/2015	YTD 2016/2015
Ditching (linear ft.):	15/120	560/120
Snow/Ice Events:	0/0	9/29
Salt Application (tons):	0/0	956/607
Cemetery Sales (# of lots):	1/7	5/17
Cemetery Mowing/Maint. (hours):	105/125	205/197
Cemetery Instals. (footers, etc.):	0/11	9/23
Funeral Services:	7/9	21/20
Playground Inspections:	1/2	3/4
Mulching – All Facilities:	0/0	342/282
Park Maintenance (hours):	12/8	98/22

Service Department Monthly Report



Statistical Data	Month 2016/2015	YTD 2016/2015
Cemetery Sales entered:	1/6	5/785
Cemetery Burials entered:	7/27	21/1,196
Cemetery Deeds Printed:	1/131	5/249
Cemetery Records reviewed:	0/0	0/238
Phone Calls Forwarded to Laura:	86/71	295/75
Road Cut Permits Approved:	10/0	11/0
Inform Us from Website:	2/0	8/0

Service Department Monthly Report



Spring Clean Up hosted by Legendary Run



Elm Ridge Repair



Whitehills Drive Repair



Hike & Bike Trail Construction



Zoning Department Monthly Report



Statistical Data	Month 2016/2015	YTD 2016/2015
Zoning Permits Issued:	17/18	37/34
Single-Family Home Permit:	1/3	1 / 4
Accessory Structure Permit:	1/0	1 / 2
Zoning Commission Meetings:	1/1	4/5
Board of Zoning Appeal Meetings:	0/1	0/1
Greenspace Committee Meetings:	1/1	4/4
Zoning Violation Notices Issued:	7/14	31/53
“Good Neighbor” Letters Issued:	0/0	0/0
Voluntary Compliance:	5/3	31/18
Mediation/Legal Action Taken:	0/0	0/0
Text Amendments Approved:	0/0	2/0
Rezoning Approved:	1/0	5/0

Zoning Department Monthly Report



Statistical Data	Month 2016/2015	YTD 2016/2015
Variances Approved:	2/1	2/2
Other Permits Issued		
Deck/Porches Permit:	1/1	4/2
Fence Permit:	2/3	4/7
Swimming Pool Permit:	2/1	4/2
Garage Sale Permit:	5/2	5/2
Sign – Free Standing Permit:	0/1	1 / 2
Sign – Wall Mounted Permit:	0/0	2/0
Commercial Change of Use:	0/1	4/2
Commercial-Industrial Bldg.:	0/0	0/0
Total Valuation Reported:	364,000/1,683,700	428,924/2,289,576

Zoning Department Monthly Report



634 Old US 52 – Before
and After



488 Green Road – Before and After



Zoning Violation Monthly Report



April 2016 Monthly Report - Zoning Violations

- 9 New Zoning Violations issued
- 2 Second letters issued
- 13 Current violations closed
- 7 Old violations closed
- 22 Phone conversations with residents
- 11 Signs removed
- 4 Home visits – 1828 Concord Rd, 3725 Nine Mile Rd (2), and 3598 El Rego
- 1 Office visit – 1402 SR 749
- Sent nuisance invoice to County & FNMA
- Filed complaint with Clermont Board of Health – 3597 El Rego
- Abated 488 Green Rd and 634 Old US 52 Public Nuisances
- Compiled timelines & materials for Tom Keating for injunctions vs. Giles & Thiel
- Emailed correspondence with Tom Keating about injunctions

Administration Department Monthly Report



Statistical Data	Month 2016/2015	YTD 2016/2015
Requests - Services/Information:	311/271	1,006/882
Trainings/Seminars Attended:	1/3	7/3
HR FLMA & Workers Comp. Claims:	1/1	3/3
HR Personnel Actions (New Hires, etc.):	0/1	4/5
Public Records Requests:	1 / 2	5/3
Purchase Orders Processed:	16/14	207/135
Invoices Processed:	105/101	410/376
Payroll Checks Processed:	99/195	666/698
Website updates:	16/12	53/46
Township Meetings:	1/1	5/5
Motions & Resolutions:	17/23	65/48
Policy Manual revisions:	0/0	0/0

Administration Department Monthly Report



Statistical Data	Month 2016/2015	YTD 2016/2015
Township - Facebook Post:	23/26	78/79
New Fans:	18/32	688/588
Likes Post:	217/68	1,221/270
People Reached:	12,346/15,890	29,447/27,856
Share:	110/36	118/130
Police Department - Facebook Post:	17/10	54/43
New Fans:	76/64	1,934/1.239
Likes Post:	503/6	1,825/307
People Reached:	101,084/13490	275,138/29,444
Share:	1,436/18	2,345/162
Cerkl:	20/7	66/7
New Cerkl Subscribers:	-2/228	12/228

Administration Department Monthly Report



Statistical Data	Month 2016/2015	YTD 2016/2015
Website:		
Sessions	2,965/0	5,683/0
Average session duration:	8.39/0	32.17/0
Pageviews:	8,428/0	31,374/0
Top Pages & # of Pageviewers:		
Home Page:	2,530/0	6,780/0
Police/About the Department:	0/0	55/0
Police/Meet the Officers:	0/0	13/0
About the Fiscal Office:	0/0	0/0
About the Trustees:	0/0	0/0

Administration Department Monthly Report



Statistical Data	Month 2016/2015	YTD 2016/2015
Top Pages & # of Pageviewers Cont'd:		
Police/Police Academy:	0/0	60/0
Trustee Meeting Minutes:	40/0	65/0
2015 Meeting Minutes:	0/0	0/0
News & Update:	0/0	46/0
Contact:	193/0	566/0
New to Pierce:	0/0	30/0
Greenspace Committee Meeting Minutes:	0/0	0/0
Zoning/Meet the Staff:	0/0	0/0

Administration Department Monthly Report



Statistical Data	Month 2016/2015	YTD 2016/2015
Top Pages & # of Pageviewers Cont'd:		
Township Parks:	0/0	107/0
Trustee Meeting Schedule:	0/0	1/0
About the Administrator:	0/0	1/0
About/Employment:	139/0	240/0
Fire:	0/0	24/0
Calendar:	0/0	115/0
2016 Trustee Meeting Minutes:	0/0	55/0
Agenda/Meeting Minutes:	35/0	81/0
Meeting Schedule:	0/0	19/0

Administration Department Monthly Report



Statistical Data	Month 2016/2015	YTD 2016/2015
Top Pages & # of Pageviewers Cont'd:		
When do I need a permit:	156/0	180/0
Zoning Forms:	32/0	86/0
2016 Zone Changes:	164/0	930/0
Fire/About:	0/0	1,756/0
Crime Map:	0/0	110/0
Police:	50/0	50/0
Clean Up Days:	38/0	38/0
New Committee Members Needed:	54/0	54/0

Administration Monthly Report



- Coordination of Hike & Bike Trail construction, grading, & resident meetings
- Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Summary
- Meeting with Gallagher Insurance
- Meeting with Nick Grammas regarding completion of retail development
- Amelia Lease – discussion regarding utilities and maintenance of grounds
- Zoning Commission Meeting regarding Angilo’s Pizza Zone Change Application
- Greenspace & Parks Committee Meetings
- Clermont Administrator’s Roundtable
- Update OGSM and Trustee Meeting Packets
- Meet Residents regarding fence issue along Sycamore Road
- Meeting with Service regarding Cemetery Maps
- Assist Service with Road Maintenance Plan
- Clermont Chamber Economic Forecast Seminar
- Rumpke Donor Request for Parkfest ‘16
- Connect Clermont with Character Seminar
- Paycor Payroll Presentation
- Economic Development Committee Meeting
- Clermont County Planning Commission – Zoning Case Z2016-004



PIERCE
Township

**Park &
Nature Spaces**



Master Plan

Prepared By
Pierce Township
Green Space & Parks Committees
April 2016

INTRODUCTION

This masterplan is not a blueprint for construction. It is a look into the future, a vision, of what our Pierce Township Park and Nature Spaces might be. The plan will only become reality with the support, involvement, and the contribution of effort and equity by the residents, businesses and elected officials of our Township to bring it to life.

This plan is based on a comprehensive benchmarking of what other townships and park districts have accomplished and what Pierce Township residents have indicated they would like to see. It is recognized that this plan will not be executed in a single project or appropriation, but rather the plan can evolve and construction can occur in stages as funds from grants, donations, fundraising and budget become available.

This plan includes recommended locations of major elements so as to make full use of the assets we have and sets out design standards and guidelines so that as the plan is executed over time, it maintains a consistent architectural look and feel, rather than an eclectic collection of disparate designs.

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Existing Park & Nature Space Assets

Pierce Township is blessed with over 137 acres of parkland and nature spaces which have been set aside for the enjoyment of our residents and visitors. Approximately 84% of this land is undeveloped and maintained in its natural state. These 137 acres are the canvas upon which this master plan will build.

This plan will cover the Nature Space at 867 (approximate address) Locust Corner Rd., and the Park and Sports Fields at 950 Locust Corner Rd.

Locust Corner Park and Sports Fields

Today's Pierce Township Park encompasses 63.67 acres on the south side of Locust Corner Rd (Parcel ID # 272813D033), adjacent to the Township Cemetery, and 10.0 acres of sports fields (2 baseball/softball diamonds, 2 tennis courts, a basketball court, and a large field used primarily for soccer practice) on the north side of Locust Corner Rd. (Parcel ID # 272813E122), and adjacent to the Township Administration Building and Service Department facilities. Paved parking exists for the Playground (17 spaces), the Tennis/Basketball/Soccer fields (51 spaces), and Baseball/Softball (36 spaces). Overflow parking for park events such as concerts and Police Night Out makes use of currently unused but maintained grassy areas between the cemetery and the main park area, providing overflow space for up to 160 cars.

Only a small portion, approximately 12 acres, of the 63.67 acres on the south side of Locust Corner Rd. is developed as park land, the remainder being heavily wooded and contoured and maintained in a natural state. Nature trails have existed in this natural area, but have become overgrown and in disrepair such that they are of very limited access and use today.

On the developed portion of this parcel, the playground and paved walking trails get the most use. The playground lacks ADA compliant features, and some of the walking trails are in need of repair or repaving. There are no bathrooms on site, with the only sanitary facilities being provided by a Port -A- Let. There is no shelter house, limited picnic tables, and a lack of shaded areas near the playground. A large portion of the maintained and mowed areas of the park (south and west of the area used for concerts and events) do not get much use. There are limited electrical outlets, and available sewer lines are a considerable distance away.

Nature Area

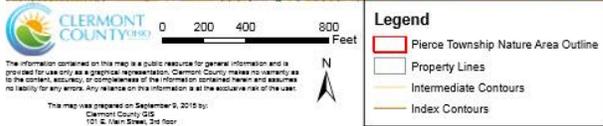
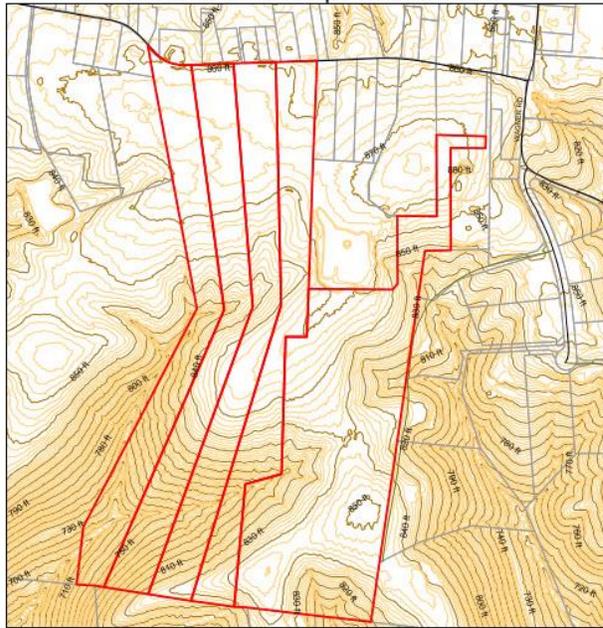
Less than a quarter mile west of the above park and sports fields, also on Locust Corner Road, is another 63.65 acres used and maintained as nature trails (Parcel ID #s 272812A001, 272812A129, 272812A130, 272812A127, 272812A092). The northern portion of this area is maintained as a grassy plain, with mowing only done about every 2 years in order to prevent wooded growth. The southern portion is maintained in a natural state, portions of which are very contoured, with hiking trails that have been

maintained by both volunteers and Township Services staff. There are several trails extending throughout this nature area that are maintained by Township Services staff and community volunteers. Parking is available for approximately 10 cars.

Pierce Township Park and Sports Fields



Pierce Township Nature Area



Master Plan Layout & Elements

PROPOSED PARK LAYOUT

The proposed park layout on the following page is focused on the parkland on the south side of Locust Corner Rd. While improvements are planned for both the sports fields and the nature area further west, these changes will not substantively affect the layout or location of features at either of these locations.

The proposed park layout is designed to add features and make improvements that have been identified by residents in their responses to the 2015 community survey, and from benchmarking parks and facilities in neighboring communities (Anderson, Batavia and Union Townships). Of the 63.47 acres of parkland on the south side of Locust Corner Rd., all but approximately 12 acres is maintained in its natural state. Of these 12 acres, which are regularly maintained and mowed by the Township Services staff, only about 6 acres, or 50%, have been developed with features or walking paths that promote and drive its use. The remainder of this mowed and maintained land is rarely used except for overflow parking during park events. Therefore, one of the objectives of the proposed layout is to add and locate features and improvements that will more fully utilize these full 12 acres and drive community use and enjoyment of this land.

Currently, the large area west of the event space area, and immediately east of the cemetery, is regularly mowed and maintained, but used only for overflow parking during events like Police Night Out and concerts. The master plan seeks to increase the use of this area by the construction of an 1800-foot-long Pierce Exercise & History Trail (see description that follows under Master Plan Elements) that will follow the outline of this area, as well as the unused area south of the current event space. To facilitate the integration into the rest of the park, the master plan envisions moving the access drive for the communications tower from its current location to the western edge of the park property, next to the cemetery fence. This may require the renegotiation of easements for this access drive.

Similarly, the master plan envisions opening up the maintained but unused area south of the event space by the location of a new large shelter house and the Pierce Exercise & History Trail.

While the 6-8 mile network of paved walking and bike trails in the Township, connecting 9 subdivisions (approximately 1,100 homes) and Locust Corner Elementary School, is not included in this plan (see section on Potential Future Features & Amenities), it is useful to think of the park and ballfields not as stand-alone township assets but as the trailhead and central access point for the public to this trail system. There is no other access point that provides parking or facilities that make this trail system easily accessible for Township residents who do not live immediately adjacent to these walking and bike trails.

THE FUTURE OF PIERCE TOWNSHIP PARK



PIERCE TOWNSHIP SITE PLAN DRAFT



MASTER PLAN ELEMENTS

New Bathrooms

The top priority expressed by Township residents in the 2015 community survey was for bathrooms with running water and toilets to replace the portable restroom currently employed. While detailed design will take place after funding is secured for this improvement, for the purposes of this study, the bathrooms at Anderson Township's Kellogg Park were used as our benchmark and conceptual model. In addition to 3 individual bathrooms, this building also encompasses a concession area for events and a small storage area for equipment storage. Comparisons were also made with the shelter and bathrooms recently constructed for the soccer fields at the corner of Clough Pike and Amelia Olive Branch Rd. For its location, the Master Plan team chose an area that is central to the park on the south side of Locust Corner Rd., but also easily accessible by a crosswalk to the sports fields and courts across the road.

While bathrooms are the top priority for park improvements, they are also the most expensive due to the distance, approximately 1200 feet, to existing public sewer lines that can be tapped into. Adding to the cost of the sewer tie in is the fact that a major portion of this distance must be constructed to public sewer standards since the sewer extension will cross several parcels of property and must cross



Locust Corner Rd. A septic system was eliminated as practical due to the amount of land that would be required for the drainage field, taking away from usable park land. Future value engineering studies should look at possible options to reduce the amount of public sewer line that is required.

The Anderson Kellogg Park bathrooms also incorporate a concession area into the building design. As part of future design studies this option, as well as a patio and seating area (either covered or served by umbrella tables) should be considered due to the location of this building being central to the park as a trailhead for the extensive walking and bike trails throughout the neighborhoods nearby, and its accessibility to the ball fields and event area.

Shelter House

A shelter house was another high priority of residents in last year’s community survey. Benchmark installations studied were all metal shelter houses at Anderson Township’s Kellogg and Beech Acres parks, the two shelter houses at Batavia Park, and the wooden shelter house being constructed for the soccer fields at Clough and Amelia Oliver Branch roads. We chose the metal designs because of their reduced maintenance, a size in the neighborhood of 35’ x 60’ that can accommodate larger family gatherings. We located the shelter house in the now unused area south of the park’s event area to open up more areas of the park for use.



Stage & Small Shelter House

For concerts in the park and other events needing a stage, the Township has borrowed a low, portable stage from a local church. However, increasingly bands are demanding a stage with a roof to protect their equipment in the event of inclement weather. Rental of such a stage is in the range of \$1500-2000. We found a band shell execution (pictured at right), built on a low concrete platform that would serve both for concerts and events, and as a small shelter house for small family gatherings. The location was picked to take advantage of the wooded backdrop of the park’s nature space.



New Pierce Exercise & History Trail

One of the most used features of the park today are the paved walking trails. We envision an 1800-foot addition to the existing trail system that will encircle and open up the southern and western half of the maintained park area that is little used today. As has been done in many parks in recent history, including Batavia Township Park, we see this trail being augmented with exercise equipment at stations along the path.

We also came to realize that Pierce Township's history, dating to 1852, is not enshrined anywhere (the extent of the Township's history files are limited to a few boxes in the storage room of the Administration Building). As longtime residents age, any recollections of the Township's history (hamlets such as Ninoveh, Palestine, Span, moments such as the 1885 Bradbury Road train wreck, the interurban rail lines on the north and south Township boundaries, the 1937 flood, etc.) are quickly being lost. Therefore, we see the opportunity to preserve and bring the Township's history alive for present and future residents, by capturing the history on the Township's website and linking it via monuments containing QR codes along the new trail, making our history available to anyone with a smart phone. A prototype of such a marker is at right. A click on the QR code with your smart phone will take you to a prototype Pierce History web page.



Bradbury Road Train Wreck
August 8, 1885

As the Cincinnati & Eastern Railway train began to cross the 800-foot-long trestle at Three Forks of Nine Mile Creek (known today as Bradbury Rd.), the trestle collapsed plunging the train 25-44 feet to the valley floor, killing four and injuring about 10.



Nature Trails

As stated previously, the Township's Nature Space (867 Locust Corner Rd.) of 63.65 acres, and approximately 51 acres of the park land, are maintained in their natural state. Hiking trails in the Nature Space have been maintained by Township Services staff and volunteer labor in recent years has removed some of the invasive species that have encroached on indigenous plant life. However, the nature trails in the beautiful 51 acres of undeveloped park land, originally created by the Boy Scouts, have become overgrown and largely unusable.

Once again volunteers and the Boy Scouts have begun the renovation and enhancement of trails in the natural area of the park, which should be completed by the summer of 2016. As volunteer labor permits, we see the expansion of the trail system throughout this area.

In both the Nature Space and the trails in the natural areas of the park, there is a need for improved signage (trail maps, trail head identification, species identification). For the species identification we envision utilizing small signs with QR codes that will allow visitors to access detailed species information located in the parks section of the Township website. A prototype of such a QR code sign is at right, which will take you to a prototype web page. Trail maps, with "You Are Here" indicators should be located along the trail, both for the benefit of hikers and for emergency crews in the event of an injury.



Park Trails Being Developed
by Boy Scouts

American Beech *Fagus grandifolia*



Playground Enhancements

The playground is also a popular and heavily used feature of the park today. An audit by the firm who installed the current equipment found it to be in very good shape and well maintained. However, it is lacking in Americans Disability Act (ADA) compliant features and, while it has some seating around the boundary of the playground, there is very little shade for parents and grandparents.

The Master Plan envisions the addition of an ADA compliant play feature (see picture at right) that is attractive to all children in the 3-6 year old range. To make room for this, the “Xcelerator” in the northeast corner would be relocated as well as at least two of the spring mounted animals.

We would also like to see some shaded seating added in the vicinity of the playground. Fixed roof shaded seating, such as that pictured at right from Icon Shelter Systems is the most durable but also comes at a much higher price premium.



MULTI-GENERATIONAL PLAY

Today’s trails get significant use by senior members of our Township and the playground is a favorite place for grandparents to bring their grandchildren. The expansion of the trail system and addition of exercise equipment will expand on the multi-generational attractiveness of Pierce Park.

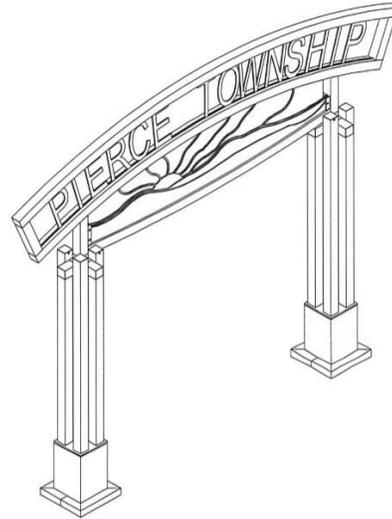
Careful attention to the selection of exercise equipment, and additions such as corn hole will further that objective.



Cornhole at
Batavia Park

ENTRANCE ARCH

With the additions of the many improvements envisioned in this Master Plan, particularly the bathrooms, possible concession area, and shelter houses, Pierce Park will become the point of entry and trail head for the extensive walking and bike trails that connect the park with surrounding neighborhoods and Locust Corner Elementary School, especially for those that do not live in close proximity to the trail. In addition, as stated elsewhere in this report, we recommend expanding the use of the ball and soccer fields to league play in order to drive use of the park. To tie the play fields and the adjacent parking lots with the park and bathrooms, we envision an entrance arch at the existing crosswalk by the ball fields. This entrance arch will serve to identify and help brand the park.



SERVICE MEMORIAL

The Master Plan envisions a memorial to uniformed service members (military, police & fire/ems) in the open area just west of the playground. Such a memorial would serve not only as a memorial to those that have served us, but as an iconic structure that would brand both the park and the township.

Both Union and Batavia Township have such memorials. Batavia's incorporates a Humvee, and Union's Veteran's Park has a helicopter. For purposes of this master plan, the exact nature of the iconic structure is not important. That can be determined by a citizen's committee in the future. For purposes of this plan and conceptual pricing, we have used a clock tower as a placeholder, which we envision being surrounded by flag poles for each service, and gardens.



Batavia Township Park Union Township Park



SAFETY BERM & RELOCATED PATH

The existing walking path adjacent to the south side of Locust Corner Rd. has been identified as a serious safety hazard due to its elevation 4-5' below the road surface. The layout on page 7 shows a relocated path, separated from the road by a new earthen safety berm that will rise at least 3' above the road surface.

EXPANDED PARK AREA

As stated previously, only 12 of the 65 acres of park land on the south side of Locust Corner Rd. has been developed and maintained as recreational park land with the remaining 81% being preserved in its natural state. However, while all 12 developed acres are regularly mowed and maintained, only 6 acres, or 50%, are routinely used. This plan envisions opening up the area south and west of the event space with the addition of a shelter house and the Pierce History and Exercise Trail. In addition, the possibility exists for the area west of the event space, today used only for overflow event parking, to be used for a soccer field or other sports field, as well as the History and Exercise Trail which will encircle this area. This expansion of useable park area would be helped by moving the access drive, for the communications tower at the southern edge of this space, further west toward the cemetery fence. This would also push any use for overflow parking to the western portion of the park property. In moving the access drive to the west, consideration should be given to ensuring that access for emergency and other vehicles is maintained to the shelter house, stage and event areas.

PLAYFIELD FENCING

The metal screen fencing for the ball fields, basketball courts and tennis courts are rusted and in need of replacement. We recommend replacement of all of this with vinyl coated metal screen fencing that will prolong the life of the fencing and reduce future maintenance costs.



**MASTER PLAN ELEMENTS
Continued**

PARKING

There is currently paved parking at the park for a total of 126 cars, which is judged to be adequate for park usage for the foreseeable future, except for events such as concerts and Police Night Out. For events such as these, the area between the event space and the cemetery has been used for overflow parking, holding up to 160 cars.

<u>Existing Parking</u>	
	# Cars
Tennis/Basketball Courts	51
Playground	17
Ballfields	36
Administration Bldg.	22
Total	126

The possibility exists that arrangements could be made for overflow parking to use the parking lots at Locust Elementary School, which is connected by a walking path, where there are a total of 140 spaces.

If the Township does add paved parking in the near term, the recommendation is to expand the number of spaces at the Administration Building which has been exceeding capacity for numerous hearings and trustee meetings over the past few years. As use of the ball fields and park increases, opportunities exist to expand the ball field parking and possibly a new lot in the area next to the cemetery in the space now used for overflow parking.

The Nature Space at 867 Locust Corner Rd. has parking for 10 vehicles and is judged to be adequate for current use levels.

MAINTENANCE

Finding capital dollars to make this master plan a reality is only half of the challenge we face. Once built it must be maintained. Throughout this plan, attention has been paid to optimize ongoing maintenance costs by the selection of designs and details (metal structures, vinyl coated fencing, concrete pads flush with ground level, etc.). However, with more facilities, particularly restrooms, will come increased maintenance costs for a township already facing budget constraints. Therefore, we recommend the following to be phased into budget planning by the Township over the next few years:

- A seasonal full time service department position dedicated to maintenance & mowing for the park, nature area, cemetery, administration building and the walking/bike trails throughout the Township. This role could be partly paid for by replacing the current mowing contract.
- Purchase of a 4x4 “Gator” (or similar) for off road access and maintenance in park, nature area and the 6-8 miles of hike/bike.
- As each element in this plan is funded and engineered, there should be a maintenance review for how on-going operating costs could be reduced. For example, it was pointed out to the committee that horizontal structural members in the shelter house and band shell structures, although aesthetically pleasing, increase maintenance due to bird droppings and nesting.

Design Standards

Since this master plan will be implemented in stages as funds from grants, sponsorships, donations and the township budget become available, it is important that each element and phase be designed and completed to a common, but limited, set of design standards so as to maintain a consistent look and feel to the park. While the design standards do not have to exactly match that of the Administration and Fire Station across Locust Corner Rd. from the park area, the look and feel of the park should be complementary with those existing building's colors and textures.

The colors chosen below are commonly available from many manufacturers, although by different names. For purposes of this master plan, we have chosen to use the colors available from Icon Shelter Systems since this was the vendor for the Batavia and Anderson Kellogg park structures we benchmarked against.

STEEL ROOFING

A solid dark green rectangular color swatch with the word "Evergreen" written in white text in the center.

STRUCTURAL STEEL

A solid light beige rectangular color swatch with the word "Almond" written in dark gray text in the center.

STONE (Real or Simulated)

Raw Siena, Burnt
Umber with Gray
Ledgerrock

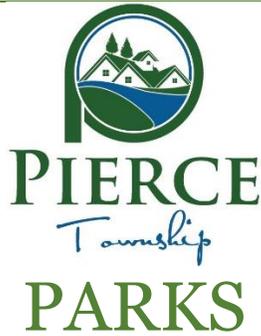


TRAILSIDE STRUCTURES

Trailside installations, such as benches and exercise equipment should be installed on a concrete pad so as to minimize special grass trimming and to avoid mud and ponding in areas of heavy use.

In addition, benches along the trail should be of a consistent slat design, with steel posts, and aluminum, steel or recycled plastic slats. Colors should be consistent with those shown above. Such a design is available from numerous manufactures.





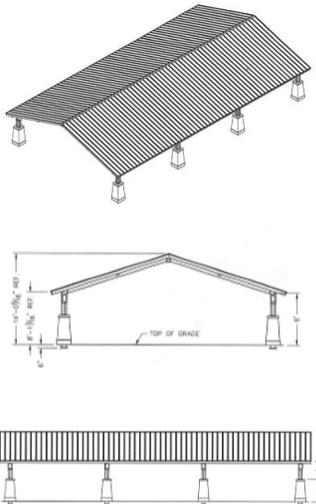
Pierce Township Park & Nature Area Master Plan Conceptual Estimates

All estimates are conceptual and preliminary and based on quotes and information available at the time of this report. On many items, there are opportunities for savings from value engineering studies and installation by volunteers and/or Township Services staff.



Bathroom & Concession Area
Estimates are based on using a design and size that approximates that used for the Anderson Kellogg Park facility (pictured at left), with a major cost of the sewer connection nearly 1200' away.

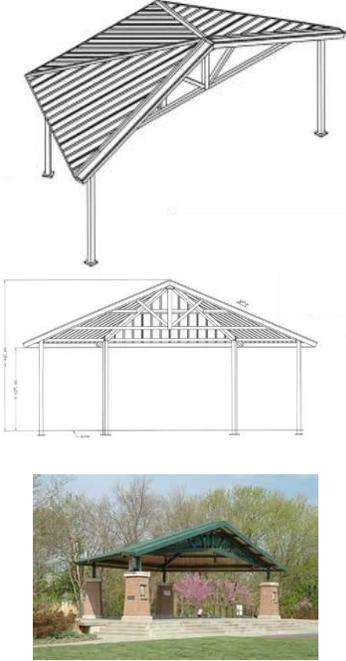
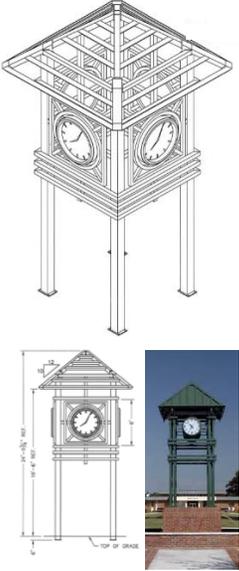
- Building, Pad & Utilities except sewer. \$ 128,750
- Sewer Connection per input of Clermont County \$ 110,639
- TOTAL (w/ Engineering) \$ 239,389



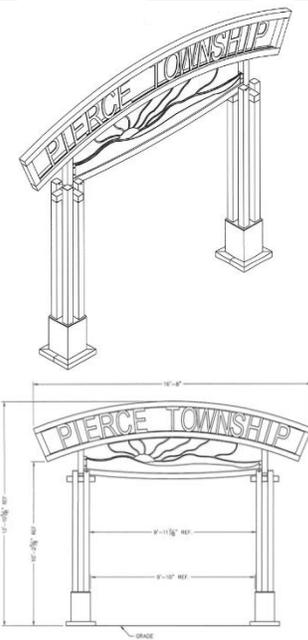
Large Shelter House
Estimate is based on a 1/25/2016 quote for the purchase of a powder coated steel rectangular gable roof shelter, 35 x 60', with tongue and groove roof deck under a metal roof and faux stone bases.

- 35 x 60' shelter \$ 70,788
- Assembly & Installation of Shelter \$ 9,300
- Concrete Pad (45 x 70') @ \$8.50/sf \$ 26,775
- Electrical (underground feed, 8 outlets) TBD
- Permits, Engineering & Reserve @ 10% TBD

TOTAL

	<p>Stage w/ Small Shelter House Estimate is based on a 1/25/2016 quote for the purchase of a powder coated steel hexagon band shell, 32'W x _____, on a 2' high concrete pad with front steps, which will also serve as a small shelter house when not in use for events.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 32' wide band shell with tongue and groove roof deck under a metal roof. Faux rock column base surrounds • 18 oz. vinyl walls for back and sides w/ pulley lift system for concerts • Assembly & Installation of Band Shell/Shelter • Raised Concrete Pad (• Electrical (underground feed, 8 outlets) • Permits, Engineering & Reserve @ 10% <p style="text-align: right;">TOTAL</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">\$ 17,659</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$ 5,176</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$ 5,800</p> <p style="text-align: right;">TBD</p> <p style="text-align: right;">TBD</p> <p style="text-align: right;">TBD</p> <hr style="width: 10%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/>
	<p>Clock Tower & Service Memorial Estimate is based on a 1/25/2016 quote for 12 x 12 x 24' high steel powder coated clock tower with 4 48" diameter clocks. Clock tower accented with a 20' diameter garden at the base and 6 flag poles (for US and service flags)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 x 12 x 24' Clock tower w/ 4 48" diameter clocks • 6 flag poles • Assembly & Installation of clock tower • Concrete Pad (16 x 16') @ \$8.50/sf • Electrical (underground feed, 8 outlets) • Permits, Engineering & Reserve @ 10% <p style="text-align: right;">TOTAL</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">\$ 96,870</p> <p style="text-align: right;">TBD</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$ 6,300</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$ 2,175</p> <p style="text-align: right;">TBD</p> <p style="text-align: right;">TBD</p> <hr style="width: 10%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/>

	<p>Covered Picnic Table Estimate is based on a 1/25/2016 quote for 8 x 8 x 8'9" high steel powder coated covered picnic table. Table and bench seat are available in recycled polymer wood or thermoplastic coated metal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covered table w/ benches • Assembly & Installation of Table & Bench Seats • Concrete Pad (10 x 10' @ \$8.50/sf) <p style="text-align: right;">TOTAL</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">\$ 4,280 \$ 3,300 \$ 850 <hr/> \$ 8,430</p>
<p>abl</p> 	<p>Covered Bench w/ Back Estimate is based on a 1/25/2016 quote for 8 x 8 x 8'9" high steel powder coated covered bench w/back. Steel bench seat slats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covered bench • Assembly & Installation of Bench Seat • Concrete Pad (10 x 10' @ \$8.50/sf) <p style="text-align: right;">TOTAL</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">\$ 4,924 \$ 3,300 \$ 850 <hr/> \$ 9,074</p>
	<p>Covered Trail Bench w/o Back Estimate is based on a 1/25/2016 quote for 8 x 8 x 8'9" high steel powder coated covered bench seat. Bench seat is available in recycled polymer wood or thermos plastic coated metal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covered bench • Assembly & Installation of Shelter • Concrete Pad (10 x 10', @ \$8.50/sf) <p style="text-align: right;">TOTAL</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">\$ 4,144 \$ 3,300 \$ 850 <hr/> \$ 8,294</p>
	<p>Trail Benches Slat benches with aluminum or recycled plastic slats were found from several vendors with a price range of \$500-700,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6' Bench (uncovered) • Concrete Pad (5' x 6', @ \$8.50/sf) 	<p style="text-align: right;">\$ 600 \$ 255 <hr/> \$ 855</p>

		TOTAL	
		<p>Park Entry Arch Estimate is based on a 1/25/2016 quote for a 16'8" wide x 13'10" high entry of powder coated steel. Test is laser cut steel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entry Arch • Assembly & Installation of Arch • Concrete Pad (2 -2x2) <p style="text-align: right;">TOTAL</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">\$ 11,518 \$ 2,900 <hr style="width: 10%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> \$ 100 \$ 14,518</p>
		<p>Ball Diamonds (2), Tennis Courts, & Basketball Court All existing chain link fabric to be removed and replaced with new vinyl coated chain link fabric. Foul poles to be painted. All existing framework is to remain and any painting provided by others. This estimate is based on a 2/5/2016 quote, good for 30 days with all work to be completed by October 2016.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">\$ 50,640</p>
		<p>Playground Enhancements Estimate is based on a 2/25/16 quote.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GameTime Powerscape Ramped Play Structure (ADA compliant) • Installation • Removal and relocation of Xcelerator and Spring Animals <p style="text-align: right;">TOTAL</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">\$ 41,444 TBD \$ 1,200 <hr style="width: 10%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/></p>

 <p>CHEST PRESS 13244S</p>    	<h3>Exercise & History Trail</h3> <p>Trail Construction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1800' of asphalt trail (8' wide), with sub-base and 3 culverts <p>Exercise Equipment estimates are from 2015 Game Time catalog and are representative only. Actual prices will depend on final selections of equipment and dependent on donors and available funds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CHEST PRESS w/ variable resistance (Item # 13244) 10 x 10' concrete pad adjacent to trail SIT-UP / BACK EXTENSION (Item # 13249) 10 x 10 concrete pad adjacent to trail BENCH DIP STATION (Item # 13180) 10 x 10' concrete pad adjacent to trail JOINT USE CHIN-UP BAR (Item # 13240) 10'x10' concrete pad adjacent to trail HORIZONTAL CHIN-UP BAR (Item # 13187) 10 x 10' concrete pad adjacent to trail Assembly & Installation of Equipment <p>Pierce History Markers (6) – Allowance (actual price TBD based on prototype design)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">TOTAL</p>	<p>\$ 55,167</p> <p>\$ 3,230</p> <p>\$ 850</p> <p>\$ 3,484</p> <p>\$ 850</p> <p>\$ 1,753</p> <p>\$ 850</p> <p>\$ 1,187</p> <p>\$ 850</p> <p>\$ 1783</p> <p>\$ 850</p> <p>\$ 2,500</p> <p>\$ 6,000</p> <hr/> <p>\$ 76,721</p>
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	<p>Safety Berm & Relocated Path</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relocated Path – Same construction as History & Exercise Trail, at existing elevation but next to playground. New berm at 3’ above road elevation (1970 cu yd) (8’ above playground), 30° slope, fine grading & seeding. 10% General Requirements <p style="text-align: right;">TOTAL</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">\$ 13,500</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$ 28,000</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>\$ 4,150</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$ 45,650</p>
	<p>New & Renovated Nature Trails in both Park & Nature Area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trail development & restoration (Boy scout troop 443 & volunteers.) Tree ID markers. Assume 6 species with 4 markers each, engraved and 3’ above grade. (Allowance @ \$100 each) 	<p style="text-align: right;">\$ 0</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$ 2400</p>

Increasing the Use of the Park and Nature Spaces

Execution of all or many of the features in this master plan will require significant investment as well as ongoing maintenance costs. To justify that investment, the master plan sees a need to increase the use of the park and its facilities by both residents and guests and making it a center of activity for the Township. Following is a list of ideas generated during the course of this planning to achieve increased use and to continue to make progress of Pierce Township's Park and Nature Spaces becoming the center of community activity in the Township.

League Play on Ball & Soccer Fields

While the Township would maintain the fields as they do now, ongoing tasks such as striping, putting up goal nets, etc. would be expected from the leagues. Our soccer fields might be particularly attractive for some of the younger age groups, and space for new fields is possible.

Movie Night at the Park

Ice Skating in Winter

The idea has been raised for putting in temporary ice skating rinks on the baseball fields during winter.

Concerts in the Park

Historically, concerts in the park have been sporadic. Neighboring Townships (Anderson and Union) have a record of concerts throughout the summer months with high quality bands. However, top entertainment comes with a price, and often with a condition of a covered stage. The addition of the covered stage in this plan would simplify the planning and out of pocket costs for future concerts. In addition, the Park Committee should explore how to make these concerts more self-sustaining with minimal public funding from the Township. Benchmarking how other townships have budgeted and funded their concerts would be valuable.

Corn Hole Tournaments

5K Run/Walk

With the installation of bathrooms and other facilities, the park's role as a trailhead for the Township's network of walking and bike trails makes it ideal for an annual run/walk event (possibly a fundraiser for the park).

Pickle Ball Leagues

Potential Future Features & Amenities

As a result of this report being prepared solely with volunteer effort, only those items where people stepped forward to volunteer their time to research the details involved and do benchmark studies where appropriate with other nearby parks are included. There were several ideas suggested where we did not have volunteers to do the work, and therefore are not included in this plan. This is not to say those ideas are not worthy of inclusion. In the following, we list those items that were suggested but not included, in the hope that future studies may be able to study their feasibility and costs for future additions to the park and nature areas.

Completion of the Hike/Bike Trails

Pierce Township is blessed with the 6-8 miles of paved hike/bike trails that today connect 9 neighborhoods with the park, cemetery and Locust Corner Elementary School. As stated in the master plan, developing the park as the trailhead, with parking and facilities, for this network of hike/bike trails will open up the trails for use by many more township residents and guests. However, gaps exist today in the trail network that keep it from being continuous, and with some relatively short additions, even more neighborhoods would be connected to the trails and the park and nature area. Future study and planning of the following would be helpful:

- A comprehensive map of the existing trail network, with gaps that need to be completed.
- An analysis of how additional neighborhoods could be connected to the hike/bike path network.
- Feasibility, routing and cost for a trail connection from the Park & Sports Fields to the 65-acre Nature Area approximately ¼ mile away.
- How can the planning of new developments in the Merwin -Ten Mile Rd. and Bradbury Rd. areas include hike/bike paths that connect to the existing trail network?
- What should be included in the planning of future trails and trailhead along US 52 and former Sky Valley property on SR 749?

Dog Park

There were several suggestions in last year's community survey that a dog park be added. The Master Plan committee did conclude that possible locations for a dog park are possible at the Locust Corner Nature Area and at the rear of the

maintained area of the Park. However, there are numerous questions to be resolved, in addition to the layout and cost of the dog park area. Those issues are:

- Who should have access, anyone or just residents? Anderson's dog park at their Kellogg Park is accessible only to Anderson residents who register with the Park District.
- What are the maintenance and clean up issues? Pierce Township's Service Department is already stretched for Park and Nature Area mowing and maintenance.
- How will dog park rules and access be enforced?
- What are liability issues for the Township due to dog fights, either injury to the dogs or to humans trying to break up the fights.

Skateboard Park

A skateboard facility was suggested by several students. However, this suggestion came too late in the planning process to be included or fully analyzed for this master plan. Items to be looked at in the future if there is sufficient interest in a skateboard facility are:

- What are the liability issues of a skateboard park for the Township?
- What issues do neighboring townships with skateboard facilities have and how do they manage them?
- What are the ongoing maintenance issues and costs in addition to the substantial construction costs?

Benchmark Studies on How Other Jurisdictions Have Funded Concert Series and Other Events

To the greatest degree possible, we should seek ways to make events and activities in the Park and Nature Areas self-sustaining, with a minimum amount of Township funding beyond maintenance and capital improvements.

Utilities

As structures like bathrooms, shelter houses and stage are designed and funded, the parks committee should look at how utilities such as electricity, water and fire hydrants can be included to benefit the long term future of the park.

Possible Sponsorship & Fundraising Opportunities

FOUNDATION GRANTS

The Parks Committee and Township Trustees are already in the process of applying for government and foundation grants available for parks, recreation, trail development and preservation of the environment to begin the funding of some of the elements in this Master Plan. The data gathered to put together this plan has allowed us to begin the grant application process for grants that have a deadline in the first half of 2016. Typically, these grants have a 20-25% local match requirement.

SPONSORSHIPS

Sponsorships and Naming Rights of one of the new major elements of this Parks and Nature Area Master Plan (Shelter House, Stage, History & Exercise Trail, Event Lawn or Playground or Sports Field Modernization) are a possibility. (For example: “XYZ Corporation Shelter House or Stage”)

CONTRIBUTION TO THE PIERCE TOWNSHIP PARK & NATURE AREA FUND

A tax deductible contribution to support the ongoing development and upkeep of our Park and Nature Areas can be made to the Pierce Township Parks Fund.

INDIVIDUAL OR FAMILY CONTRIBUTION

Individuals and families have the opportunity to be part of the renovation of our Park and Nature Area with a tax deductible donation to cover the cost of a new bench, picnic table or a piece of exercise equipment. Donations should be acknowledged with a small plaque on each piece indicating the donors name or “In Memory Of.....”.

VOLUNTEER

This report, the new and renovated nature trails in the park, and the removal of invasive species from the Nature Area have all been made possible by volunteers. We anticipate this type of contribution will continue, particularly for the nature trails, garden planting and maintenance and fundraising will continue. These park and nature areas are expected to become a symbol, and point of pride, of what a community working together can accomplish.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

5k Run/Walk, Corn Hole Tournament, Skirt Softball Game (like annual Delhi event), Golf Outing at Legendary Run Course

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

It took many people to prepare this report, do the background benchmark studies of installations in neighboring townships, research available equipment and facility options, and prepare the cost estimates. All of the efforts to complete this master plan were volunteered, including the professional skills necessary for the layout studies and cost estimates, resulting in this report being prepared at no cost to the Township. We list those volunteers and contributors below in alphabetical order.

Community Volunteers and Members of the Township's Green Space and Parks Committees

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Judith Penry
Rick Rack
Clarence Roller

Pierce Township Government

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Bonnie Batchler – Pierce Township Trustee
Claudia Carrol – Assistant to Fiscal Officer
Allen Freeman – Pierce Township Trustee
Tim Hershner – Pierce Township Administrator
John Kohler – Pierce Township Services Director
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Bob Pautke – Pierce Township Trustee

Contributions of Professional Skills and Effort

This plan could not have been completed without the contributions of time, effort and technical skills and knowledge of many professionals. We are extremely grateful for their contributions to the future of Pierce Township's parks and nature areas.

Lyle Bloom – Director of Utilities – Clermont County Water Resources Department
Chris Clingman – Clermont County Parks Director
Bob Griewe – President, David Williams & Associates
Janet Hahn - Artist
Ken Kushner – Executive Director, Anderson Township Park District
Joseph O'Brien – Clermont County GIS
Rex Parsons – Batavia Township Administrator
Rich Riebel – CEO, Cornerstone Development
Jamie Wagner – AIA, Burlington, Vermont
Robert Wildey – Director of Water & Waste, Clermont County Public Health

RESOURCES

In Alphabetical Order

David Williams & Associates

www.davidwilliamsassociates.com

- Shelter houses, band shells, miscellaneous park structures, playgrounds and ballfield structures, grant information

EnWood Structures

www.enwood.com

- Shelter houses, bridges

GameTime

www.gametime.com

- Playgrounds, benches, trailside exercise equipment

Icon Shelter Systems

www.iconselters.com

- Shelter houses, band shells, trailside benches and tables

Ohio Department of Natural Resources

www.realestate.ohiodnr.gov/outdoor-recreation-facility-grants.com

- Grants

Playworld

www.PlayworldMidstates.com

- Playgrounds, trailside exercise equipment, benches

RCP Shelters, Inc.

www.rcpshelters.com

- Shelter houses, band shells, bridges

Park Benches



Timbers Straight Leg Park Bench
Recycled Plastic Lumber Slats
Model 1820 - \$ 524
5'10" L x 2'1" W



Timbers Two Leg Portable Bench
Recycled Plastic Lumber Slats
Model 1821 - \$ 570
5'10" L x 2'0" W



Straight Leg Aluminum Slat Bench
Model P532 - \$ 692
6' L x ____ W



Essential Furnishing: Recycled Plastic Bench
Model ZZXX9010 - \$ 548

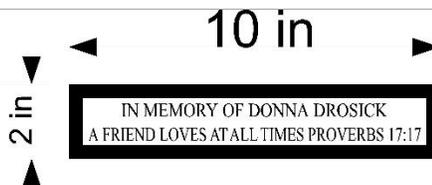
Prices do not include freight, custom fees, surfacing or installation.



Extra heavy Duty Recycled Bench with Back
Model 940 - \$ 560
6'0" L x ____ W



485 Ohio Pike
Cincinnati, Ohio 45255
(513)528-1111



Cast bronze plaque, 2" x 10", fastened with screws to bench slats. Maximum of 2 lines with up to 42 characters per line. Approximately \$160 with 2-3 week delivery

Concrete Slab, 8' x 5', estimated @ _____

Anderson Parks District “LASTING GIFTS” Program

Operated under the auspices of the Anderson Foundation for Parks & Recreation

BENCH

Donation Amount: \$1,500



COSTS:

- Bench: \$ 1,283 (from David Williams)
- Plaque: \$ 160 (from Distinctive Designs)

TREE

Donation Amount: \$250



COSTS:

- Tree: \$ 0 (Placed at existing trees)
- Marker: ???

AMPHITHEATER SEAT

(Beech Acres)

Donation Amount: \$1,000



COSTS: ????

“APPLE OF YOUR EYE”

Donor Tree (Juliffs Park)

Donation Amount:

- Leaf \$ 100
- Small Apple \$ 200
- Medium Apple \$ 500
- Large Apple \$1,000



COSTS: ????

Pierce Parks Adopt-A-Bench

A bench personalized with an engraved plaque makes a great gift or memorial to mark occasions such as births, graduations, weddings, anniversaries, honorariums or the passing of a friend or family member.

A gift of \$1500 will allow the Township to purchase a bench, engraved plaque, and install it, typically located along hike/bike trails or a playground. With approval of the Parks Committee, you will be able to select the bench location and placement.

The plaque will be 2" x 10" and engraved with your desired inscription, a maximum of two lines of up to 42 characters per line, and attached to the bench. The Township reserves the right to reject any text that may be offensive or not appropriate for a public park.

The Township will provide care and maintenance of the bench and plaque. Damaged or vandalized benches will be repaired and/or replaced by the Township. Benches may need to be moved during park renovations or construction.

Because of frequent use, park benches are not to be decorated and plant materials are not permitted to be planted around or near benches.

Detach and send to: Pierce Township Park Fund, 950 Locust Corner Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio 45245

Checks should be made payable to Pierce Township, with Park Fund noted on the memo line

Park Bench given in memory/honor of (circle one) _____

Please send acknowledgement to _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please indicate the location where you would like the bench placed. (NOTE: a representative of the Township will contact you to confirm the location or to discuss an alternate location if the requested location is not possible) _____

Inscription for Engraving

2 lines, up to 42 characters per line

Name(s) _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

5/2/16

Public Comments

Draft Park & Nature Space Master Plan

April 13 – May 2, 2016

Date	Name	E-Mail	Comments	Notes
4/19/16	Chief Craig Wright	cwright@piercetownship.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Bernadette students collected plastic bottle caps that were recycled into benches. • Should look at installing fire hydrant deeper into park whenever shelter house & stage are constructed. • Entryway clearance is 13’10”, might not be high enough for future fire equipment • Have nature trail map so easier for emergency personnel to locate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The benches we have looked at, from multiple vendors have the option of recycled plastic slats. • Added this to the “Potential Future Features & Amenities” section as future studies and analysis that is warranted. • Entry arch is meant to be over the cross-walk entrance, not the access road. • Volunteers are already setting posts for trail markers with “you are here” maps on them. <p>Responded to Chief Wright by email on 4/29/16</p>
4/19/16	Vicki Kingsley	vlkingsley@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Like the idea of our parks being on par with Union and Batavia Townships • Worried that parking will be inadequate as use of park increases, particularly with increased use of sports fields. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added potential locations for added parking to the “Master Plan Elements” section. <p>Responded by email on 5/2/16</p>
4/19/16	Mark Vorholt	mark_vorholt@hotmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan is impressive and comprehensive • They are discussing contributing a bench 	
4/20/16	Bettie Russel	Via Facebook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swings for handicap children in wheelchairs • Suggested getting input for Lisa Davis at Clermont DD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ultimate design and selection of the ADA features added will be influenced by the donor. The placeholder item we picked was for its potential use all children, including those in wheel chairs.

4/20/16	Brian Gardner briangardner@yahoo.com	Via website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed plans are spot on • Safety Berm is an immediate need • Wasn't aware of nature trails existence • Willing to help with planning and volunteer labor 	Responded by email on 5/2/16 and invited to join Tuesday and Sunday trial work session.
4/27/16	Gloria White	Gloria.white99@icloud.com	<p>A professional dog trainer who expressed concern about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The high probability for dog fights • The potential for Township liability due injury to dogs or to humans who try to break up a dog fight. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added concern about liability and dog fights to "Potential Future Features" section. <p>Discussed concerns with Gloria by phone on 4/30/16</p>

**Pierce Township Trustees
Public Hearing
Minutes
April 12, 2016**

The Board of Trustees of Pierce Township, Clermont County, Ohio called to order on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 for 6:30p.m. for Public Hearing for the purpose of Zoning Case Z2016-003 and r Zoning Case Z2016-002.

Zoning Case Z2016-003

Administrator Hershner presented a summary overview of Zoning Case Z2016-003 the rezoning of the Duane Ferguson property at 3645 Merwin Ten Mile Rd. Cincinnati, Ohio 45245 parcel 282813F012 from SFR (single family residential district) consisting of 109.533 acres to PUD-R (planned residential use).

Applicant Jason Wisniewski with Grand Communities, LTD. presented an overview of what is planned for the Ferguson property. The property would consist of 229 units with a density of 2.09 homes per acre, club house with swimming pool, green space, and lake. Mr. Wisniewski stated this request is compatible with Pierce Township's Land Use Plan. The property is identified as part of the Conventional Residential Land Use where it is appropriate for residential development.

Chairman Pautke opened up discussion to the community: Concerns were presented to the Board of Trustees in regards to traffic flow, who will own the green space.

Trustee Freeman motion to approve zone change to PUD-R for Z2016-003 with the following recommended elements to be considered. 1) Continued scrutiny of roadway issues as process moves forward with a goal of maintaining a level of service of b for the life of the project throughout the adjacent network. 2) Pierce Township will continue to work with Clermont County to find solutions for the remainder of White Oak, specifically the segment between Merwin-Ten Mile and SR 125. 3) An amenity center is included at the site and marked on the map. 4)The Legendary Run design handbook is used as a guideline for the development of the preliminary design plan. 5 Develop a green space plan attached to the preliminary plan. Trustee Batchler seconded the motion. Roll call: All aye.

Zoning Case Z2016-002

Administrator Hershner presented a summary overview of Zoning Case Z2016-003 the rezoning of property on Bradbury Road. Approximately 43.7 acres to be changed to PUD-R. (planned unit development)

Applicant Jason Wisniewski with Grand Communities, LTD also presented an overview of what is planned for the Bradbury Road property. The property would consist of 83 lots.

Chairman Pautke opened up discussion to the community. Concerns presented to the Board of Trustees in regards to traffic flow, the environment in that area.

Trustee Batchler motion to approve the zone change to PUD-R for Z2016-002. Trustee Freeman seconded the motion. Roll Call: Trustee Batchler, yea, Trustee Freeman, no, Trustee Pautke, yea. Motion passed.

Adjourn

At 8:47p.m. Trustee Freeman made the motion to adjourn the public hearing. Trustee Batchler seconded the motion.

ATTESTED:

The Pierce Township approved the foregoing minutes of the Board of Trustees on:

Debbie Schwey, Township Fiscal Officer

Robert Pautke, Chairman
Pierce Township Board of Trustees

Pierce Township Trustees
Meeting
Minutes
April 13, 2016

The Board of Trustees of Pierce Township, Clermont County, Ohio met for their Regular Meeting at 5:30 PM, on Wednesday, April 13, 2015 at the Pierce Township Administration Building, 950 Locust Corner Road.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Robert Pautke, Trustee Bonnie Batchler and Trustee Allen Freeman were present at roll call. Fire Chief Craig Wright, Assistant Fire Chief Scott Light, Police Chief Jeff Bachman, Township Administrator Tim Hershner, Service Department Director John Koehler, Legal Counsel Tom Keating and Fiscal Officer Debbie Schwey.

Executive Session

At 5:30pm, Trustee Batchler made the motion, seconded by Trustee Freeman to enter into Executive Session to consider the employment and compensation of public employees and purchase property pursuant to ORC 121.22 (1) and (2) with Legal Counsel Tom Keating. Roll call: All aye. Also present in executive session, Administrator Hershner, Fire Chief Wright and Fiscal Officer Schwey.

At 6:35 PM, Mrs. Batchler made a motion, seconded by Trustee Freeman to leave executive session, with no action being taken by the Board during the Executive Session.

Chairman Pautke called the Regular Meeting of the Board back to order at 6:35p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee Batchler asked everyone to join the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Chairman Pautke asked Pastor Larry Bechtol from Locust Corner Methodist Church to lead the meeting in prayer.

Clermont County Chamber of Commerce

Chairman Pautke introduced Tracy Hawkins and Matt VanStant from the Clermont County Chamber. Mr. VanStant introduced Ms. Hawkins as the new director of the small business development center. Ms. Hawkins explained her role as the new director.

Celebratory Events

Fire Chief Wright presented to Officer Mark Weitzel commendation for bravery. The Board congratulated Officer Weitzel for an outstanding job in helping out in a tuff situation.

Police Chief Bachman and his department made a Facebook Arrest. Chief Bachman explained how this arrest came about on Facebook.

Committee Updates

Mr. George Carpenter presented an overview of the Park/Greenspace Committees Park & Nature Space Master Plan. The committee also is looking into grants and sponsorships for the park. Mr. Carpenter gave an update on how the July 23, 2016 Park Fest is progressing.

Mr. Doug Thompson of the Pierce Township Economic Development Committee updated the Board on how the Economic Committee is progressing. They are looking for more members, reviewing tools of TIF's and JED's, reviewing process for the Comprehensive Plan, and brainstorming short term projects and community involvement.

Trustee Updates and Administrator Updates

Trustee Freeman has been working with the Service Department. The department has been looking at culverts and getting details of road conditions within the township.

Administrator Hershner and the Service Department is also looking at building a spreadsheet for road and bridge data base and developing a road maintenance plan.

Administrator Hershner and Director Kohler reported the Hike/Bike Trail will be completed by May 21, 2016 and is so far coming under budget.

Administrator Hershner will have results of the employee survey for next month's Board Meeting.

Administrator Hershner presented to the Board for their review a draft for Merit Performances Timeline.

Chairman Pautke stated that a new family moved to Pierce Township from San Francisco and said how friendly everyone in the community are so friendly. They were impressed and could not believe that a police officer waived at them when passing on the road.

Approval of Minutes, Motions and Resolutions

A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Fiscal Officer Schwey, that the Board approve the March 9, 2016 Board of Trustee meeting minutes. Trustee Batchler made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Fiscal Officer Schwey that the Board approve the March 29, 2016 Board of Trustee Special meeting minutes.

Trustee Freeman made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Batchler. Roll call: All aye.

A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Fiscal Officer Schwey that the Board approve the March 29, 2016 Board of Trustees Public Hearing meeting minutes. Trustee Batchler made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Fiscal Officer Schwey that the Board approve the bills from March 8, 2016 in the amount of \$93,690.34 as previously presented. Trustee Freeman made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Batchler. Roll call: All aye.

A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Fiscal Officer Schwey that the Board approve the bills from March 14, 2016 in the amount of \$18,989.16 as previously presented. Trustee Freeman made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Batchler. Roll call: All aye.

A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Fiscal Officer Schwey that the Board approve the bills from March 18, 2016 in the amount of \$67,835.91 as previously presented. Trustee Batchler made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Fiscal Officer Schwey that the Board approve the bills from March 25, 2016 in the amount of \$17,226.60 as previously presented. Trustee Batchler made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Fiscal Officer Schwey that the Board approve the bills from March 29, 2016 in the amount of \$56,266.05 as previously presented. Trustee Batchler made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Fiscal Officer Schwey that the Board approve the payroll from March 23, 2016 in the amount of \$117,927.18 as previously presented. Trustee Freeman made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Batchler. Roll call: All aye.

A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Fiscal Officer Schwey that the Board approve the payroll from April 6, 2016 in the amount of \$122,342.09 as previously presented. Trustee Batchler made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Service Department Director Koehler that the Board approve the sell back of a grave purchased by Gladys Adams in section 1A lot 018 grave # 9 in the amount of \$180.00. Trustee Freeman made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Batchler. Roll call: All aye.

A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Service Department Director Koehler that the Board authorize Director Koehler to enter into a contract for the best bid for paving services for the final portion of the Hike/Bike Path for an amount up to \$10,972.50. Trustee Batchler made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Fire Chief Wright that the Board hire Kyle Katherine Moore as part time Firefighter/EMT at the established rate pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements and a 1 year probationary period noting that all associated expenses be that of the Township. Trustee Batchler made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Fire Chief Wright that the Board approve the purchase order of ten (10) sets of firefighting gear from Vogelpohl in the amount of \$23,710.00 per quote #VFEQ7060. (See attached). Trustee Batchler made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Fire Chief Wright that the Board terminate the employment of part time employees Matthew Logan Pressler and Thomas William Fleming for failure to successfully complete their probationary period. Trustee Batchler made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Fire Chief Wright that the Board accept the resignation of part time employee Theresa "Tracy" Ann Wright effective April 11, 2016. Trustee made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Fire Chief Wright that the Board execute the Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of Pierce Township Trustees and the Pierce Township IAFF Local 4979 regarding the employment of Jeffrey Thomas Ashpaw. (see attached document) Trustee Batchler made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Fire Chief Wright that the Board rescind the acceptance of March 9, 2016 resignation of Jeffrey Thomas Ashpaw and reinstate him to the rank of Lieutenant effective April 24, 2016 at 06:00 hours. Trustee Batchler made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Zoning Inspector Tim Hershner the Board authorize Legal Counsel Tom Keating to file an injunction against Robert and Laura Giles, 3921 Nicklaus Court, for violation of the Pierce Township Zoning Resolution, Article 11, Table 11.06-I, wherein a maximum number of two recreational vehicles is permitted on the subject property. Multiple violation notices have been issued regarding the three recreational vehicles which remain stored on the property. Trustee Freeman made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Batchler. Roll call: All aye.

A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Zoning Inspector Tim Hershner the Board authorize Legal Counsel Tom Keating to file an injunction against Ronald E. Thief, 3620 Merwin Ten Mile Road, for the violation of the Pierce Township Zoning Resolution, Article 4.06(F)(5)(a),(c),(d),(f),(h),and(n), wherein a home occupation is regulated as an internal, accessory use. Multiple violation notices have been issued regarding the ongoing sale and posting of signs on the property. Trustee Freeman made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Batchler. Roll call: All aye.

Discussion followed on last two previous motions. The Board instructed Legal Counsel Tom Keating to first send warning letters to both residences and if no response by the next trustee meeting to then proceed with the formal motions. This gives the residents an extra 30 days to abide by the zoning resolutions.

A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Administrator Hershner that the Board approve registering and attendance of the Administrative Lieutenant Bennett for LEAD Class 2016-2017 at a cost not to exceed \$2,250.00. Trustee Batchler made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

Open Floor Questions

Questions and discussions were in regards to zoning changes, economic development within Pierce Township. How planning, the zoning board and the economic committee can work together.

Adjourn

At 9:34p.m. Trustee Batchler made the motion to adjourn the regular meeting and seconded by Trustee Freeman.

ATTESTED:

Debbie Schwey, Township Fiscal Officer

Robert W. Pautke, Chairman
Pierce Township Board of Trustees



April 25, 2016

Pierce Township
950 Locust Comer Road
Cincinnati, OH 45245
ATTN: Claudia Carroll

Dear Claudia,

The Dental Care Plus Group (DCPG) has enjoyed the privilege of serving as your preferred dental insurance carrier. At this anniversary/renewal period, we will need to implement an increase of 3.0% effective August 01, 2016.

If you have determined that your group is considered a small group and subject to Affordable Care Act (ACA) regulations which require you to include pediatric dental Essential Health Benefits (EHB), we would like to make you aware of plan options that may be of interest to you. You are eligible to enroll in one of our Exchange Certified Plans. These plans were developed in response to the ACA's pediatric dental Essential Health Benefits requirements. However, DCPG does not require that you switch from your current plan.

Before deciding to elect an Essential Health Benefits plan, please take the following items into consideration:

- The EHB requirements may not be applicable to your group's particular circumstances.
- The dental EHB may already be satisfied as part of your medical plan.
- You will have the option to retain your current adult benefit plan, while still satisfying the dental pediatric EHB requirements.

For more specifics, your agent or I would be happy to provide details relative to the plan designs and rates available.

If you do not wish to elect an Exchange Certified Plan, please complete, sign and return the enclosed renewal notice to your agent or to DCPG. Thank you for your continued patronage of DCPG. We truly appreciate your business, and look forward to a continued partnership for many years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelley Rinehart". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kelley Rinehart
Account Manager
Toll Free: 1-800-367-9466
Fax: 513-618-3876
krinehart@dentalcareplus.com

Enclosure



RENEWAL NOTICE
02009 - PIERCE TOWNSHIP
HMO

Benefit Plan Number: D43

Benefit Year: The 12 month period beginning January 1st and ending December 31st (calendar year)

Annual Maximum Benefit: \$1000 per Member

Orthodontic Lifetime Maximum Benefit: \$1000 per Eligible Member
Limited to eligible subscriber, spouse and dependent children under age 19

Deductible: \$25 per Member, per Benefit Year
\$75 per Family, per Benefit Year
The deductible applies to Basic and Major Benefits only

Covered Dental Services	Deductible Applied	Percentage of Allowable Expense Paid by the Plan	Member Copayment
Preventive Benefits	No	100%	None
Basic Benefits	Yes	80%	20%
Major Benefits	Yes	50%	50%
Orthodontic Benefits	No	50%	50%

Limited to eligible subscriber, spouse and dependent children under age 19

Endodontic Services are covered as Basic Benefits.
Periodontic Services are covered as Basic Benefits.
Sealants are covered as Basic Benefits.

Dependent children are eligible for coverage until age 19, or until age 25 if enrolled as full-time students.

<u>Contract</u>	<u>Enrolled</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Renewal</u>	
Individual	10	\$34.00	\$35.02	(Effective 08/01/2016)
Family	28	\$92.28	\$95.05	

The next scheduled renewal date is August 01, 2017.

Authorized Signature _____ Title _____ Date _____

This renewal is for a standalone dental benefits plan that is not a federally qualified health plan. The plan does not include the full range of pediatric dental benefits required under the federal regulations governing essential health benefits.

The Dental Care Plus Group reserves the right to reconsider these rates if overall enrollment varies by more than 10%.

PLEASE NOTE: RENEWAL NOTICES ARE TO BE RETURNED TO THE DENTAL CARE PLUS GROUP PRIOR TO THE RENEWAL'S EFFECTIVE DATE.

Please send to your agent or DCPG. You may avoid claims processing and payment delays by faxing this signed notice to DCPG at (513)618-3876.

ccarroll

From: Judi Meyer <JudiM@horanassoc.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 28, 2016 5:46 PM
To: ccarroll
Cc: Maggie Kroeger, CEBS
Subject: Pierce Township Dental
Attachments: Pierce Township 08-01-2016.pdf

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Claudia,

I will send the updated grid in a separate email, but I wanted to send you the Pierce Township.

Attached is the Pierce Township 8/1 renewal. We are releasing a 3% increase to renew as is (standalone).

DCP compared the current plan against the CLG plans, and there isn't an exact match, but there are two that are pretty close. Below is the comparison of Pierce against Platinum B and Gold A, and DCP also outlined the plan differences. Lastly, I compared the 8/1 renewal rates against the Platinum B and Gold A renewal rates, and those are below as well.

Pierce Township Current Plan

\$1000 Annual Max
\$1000 Ortho Max (Eligible Dependent Children to age 19)
\$25/75 deductible
100/80/50/50
Dependents covered to age 19 or to age 25 if FT student

Platinum B Plan (same as City of Mt. Healthy)

\$1,000 Annual Max
\$1000 Ortho Max (Eligible Dependent Children to age 19)
\$25/75 deductible
100/80/**80/60**
Dependents covered to age 19 or to age 25 if FT student

Changes from current plan:

Coinsurance on Major is covered at 80% (compared to 50% under current plan)
Coinsurance on Ortho is covered at 60% (compared to 50% under current plan)

Gold A Plan (same as City of Silverton)

\$1,000 Annual Max
\$1000 Ortho Max (Eligible Dependent Children to age 19)
\$50/150 deductible
100/80/50/50
Dependents covered to age 19 or to age 25 if FT student

Dental Care Plus Renewal Comparison 08/01/2016 Renewal Date

	Current Single Rate	Current Family Rate	Current Single Renewal Rate	Current Family Renewal Rate	Platinum B Single	Platinum B EE+1	Platinum B Family	Gold A Single	Gold A EE+1	Gold A Family
EE per Plan	\$ 34.00	\$ 92.28	\$ 35.02	\$ 95.05	\$ 30.49	\$ 62.50	\$ 103.09	\$ 28.09	\$ 57.59	\$ 93.71
Est. Cost per Tier	10	29	10	29	10	9	20	10	9	20
	\$ 340.00	\$ 2,676.12	\$ 350.20	\$ 2,756.45	\$ 304.90	\$ 562.50	\$ 2,061.80	\$ 280.90	\$ 518.31	\$ 1,874.20
Total <i>Estimated</i> Cost per Plan per	36193.44		37279.80		35150.40			32080.92		

Asst. Chief Scott Light

From: Jason Kiefer <jkiefer67@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2016 11:35 AM
To: Asst. Chief Scott Light
Subject: Resignation



Chief Light,

Please let this email serve as my resignation from the Pierce Twp. Fire Department. Over the past few months I have been trying to make my schedule work to where I could come out there and work, and obviously that hasn't been an option. I feel that it is not fair to you, Chief Wright or the rest of the department for me to take a spot on the roster if I cannot fulfill the needs that you guys need. I hope there are no hard feelings, and I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you. I am grateful for the opportunity to be let into the Pierce Twp. family and I truly wish there was a better option. If you could please forward this email and my sincere thanks to Chief Wright!! Hopefully we will see each other soon, and I look forward to being able to work with you guys in some type of capacity in the future. You guys have my contact information, if you guys need anything or if I can help you guys in the future with anything please don't hesitate to reach out.

Again, thank you for the opportunity!!!

Thank you,

Jason Kiefer
Assistant Fire Chief
Mariemont Fire Department
513-271-4089 - Office
513-271-1655 - Fax

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Main Line – 513-752-6262

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