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Subject: Green Space/Parks Committees Minutes 6/1/16

The following are minutes to the Green Space/Parks Meeting on 6/1/16

Attendees: George Carpenter, Pat Hogan, Keith Brodman, Clarence Roller, Andrew Geers, Tim Geers, Jan Witkowski, Bob Hinklin, Doug Dresie

1. The group welcomed new attendees Keith Brodman and Jan Witkowski, as well as welcomed back Andrew Geers and his father Tim Geers.
2. Park Fest '16
 - a. Sponsor Update: We currently stand at pledged sponsor donations of \$8,500. We have received all except we are still waiting on \$500 sponsor donations from Beechmont Ford and Kroger. Our current budget stands at \$7,500.
 - b. Activity Updates: Raptors, Inc. will be at the festival from 5-7pm. Facepainting will be available for kids from 4-7pm. Pat has done more research on the cornhole tournament and has determined a bracket of 16 teams, which would end up being 29 rounds for a double elimination. There is still some more planning to do as far as when to start and if we need to establish a time limit for each round or game. It was discussed that the fee would be \$10/team.
 - c. Volunteer Organization: George is receiving names of volunteers. Legendary Run HOA has agreed to run the hamburger/hot dog cooking and selling. Legendary Run Garden Club will run the ID and beer booth. Randy Breen is chairing that for the Garden Club and will be at the next Park Fest working group meeting.
3. Park Trail Update: Pat reported that progress is moving along at a good pace and should be complete ahead of the festival. Reminder that the standing work dates are Tuesday evenings 5-8pm and Sundays 9am-12pm, until complete weather permitting.
4. Revisit Organization (Foundation, 501c3, remain as is)
 - a. George and Doug had met with Duffy Beischel, who was at one time the director of the Anderson Park District. He highly recommended forming a foundation or 501c3 for Pierce Parks. In many instances it is easier to raise money as a foundation rather than as a government body. Many foundations will not provide grants or donations to government bodies but will to foundations. All agreed that this should be revisited with the Trustees and Township council after Park Fest.
5. Gifts to the Park
 - a. We need to establish the content of the bench donation and adopt-a-tree for the website. Anderson Parks is a good model for this. We also need to work on the parks website links with Jenny Newcomb. This will also be an area of focus after Park Fest.

6. Grant Opportunity Updates
 - a. OKI Transportation Alternative: Due date was May 31. Doug will reach out to Allen Freeman for an update.
 - b. Reds Community Fund: Mark Cann has a contact there. Next deadline is January 2017.

7. Programming
 - a. The group brainstormed programming for after Park Fest. George plans to have a sheet for interested residents who want to get involved with Parks in the Master Plan booth at Park Fest. Some ideas that came out of this include regularly scheduled hikes, invasives removal at the Nature Park, and potential exercise classes.
 - b. The group discussed planning an event for the fall in October that would be Halloween themed. It could include haunted hikes, trick or treat in the park, and possibly hay rides.

8. Andrew updated the group that he is working on his presentation to the scout leaders for his Eagle project of tree identification content for the Park website. His application paperwork is nearly complete.

DUE TO VACATIONS, THE JULY MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2016, 6:30PM, RATHER THAN THE USUAL FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH.

Thanks!

Doug Dresie