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Subject: Green Space/Parks Committees Meeting Minutes 8/3/16

The following are minutes to the Green Space/Parks Meeting on 8/3/16

Attendees: George Carpenter, Mark Cann, Pat Hogan, Jan Witkowski, Keith Brodman, Dan Newyear, Lori Wilson, Bob Hinklin, Doug Dresie

1. The group welcomed new attendees Dan Newyear and Lori Wilson. Both attended Park Fest and have interest in being involved.

2. Park Fest '16
   a. $9,928 was raised and an estimated 500 people attended. Positive feedback has been received from attendees, volunteers, and township department heads.
   b. We will have a volunteer appreciation meeting on Tuesday, August 16, 2016, at 7:00pm at the Township building. Goal is to show appreciation for the volunteers, but, also to keep engagement with them for ideas on improvement and participation in future events.
   c. Ongoing committee development – All agree that this should be an ongoing event. The group needs to determine the purpose moving forward. Is it more an event to bring the community together or a fundraiser. A larger committee need to be assembled to start planning earlier to help the event grow.

3. Organization
   a. Foundation/501c3 – Discussed formation of a foundation or non-profit as a fundraising arm for the park. Most larger park organizations do this to broaden donor circles for capital improvements. George found information on the Ohio Secretary of State website. There are steps to forming in Ohio. We would first form a corporation and then request non-profit status from the IRS. We would need to establish the structure. Doug is to estimate the cost to set-up and potential ongoing expenses regarding legal and accounting fees. Mark will reach out to Ray Lembke who is an attorney resident in Pierce for potential interest in helping.

4. Programming
   a. Scheduled fall hikes – Pat is to schedule and reach out to Jenny Newcomb to post on Facebook.
   b. Fall/Halloween event planning – Discussed several potential activities such as "trunk or treat," hay ride, hot cocoa/cider, etc. This would be more of a community event vs. a fundraiser. There isn't much time and we need to gather volunteers and someone to lead the effort. This will be brought up at the volunteer appreciation meeting on August 16.

5. Gifts to the Park
   a. Pending bench update – The bench arrived late last week. George to check with the Service Department regarding installation. Need to establish location.

b. Website content development – Need to establish format for bench donation program or adopt-a-tree, etc. Anderson Parks is a good site to review. Need to review with Jenny Newcomb. Keith will also talk to his wife Kayla as she had background in this also.

6. Future Fundraising Ideas
   a. Skirt game visit – The Delhi Skirt game is Friday August 5 at 5pm. Mark and Doug plan to visit for how it is put on and organized to potentially incorporate into a future Park Fest activity.
   b. Fundraising for Master Plan items – Discussed need to improve electrical infrastructure in the park for events. This can be part of larger projects if grants are approved. We need to also see what can be accomplished with funds raised from Park Fest, as this is a critical item for future events in the park. George to reach out to Rick Rack and Rich Riebel for potential local electrician contacts to consult.

7. Nature Park Clean-up
   a. Pat will plan a November invasives removal work day.
   b. Doug, George, and Pat scheduled August 22 at 6:00pm to go to the Nature Park and do tree limb clean-up.

8. Potential Dog Park
   a. Lori Wilson will head up investigation of adding a potential dog park. Some good examples to review would be the Amelia Park on Jenny Lind, Armleder park near Lunken airport, and Pioneer Park in Norther Kentucky. Considerations discussed included where to locate and what issues need to be addressed. Some considerations are running water availability, locked gate with access code, separation of large and small dogs, etc. Lori mentioned that it can also serve as a fundraiser where vendors could be brought in whether it be pet stores, shelters, etc.

DUE TO THE SEPTEMBER TRUSTEE MEETING MOVING TO OUR NORMAL TIME SLOT, THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, <u>SEPTEMBER 14, 2016</u>, 6:30PM.