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Subject:	Pierce Township Green Space/Parks Committees Meeting Minutes 11/2/16
Attachments:	OKI Grant Letter October 28 2016.pdf

The following are the minutes from the Pierce Township Green Space/Parks Committee Meeting on 11/2/16:

Attendees: George Carpenter, Jan Witkowski, Dan Newyear, Doug Dresie, Pat Hogan, Lori Wilson, Bob Hinklin, Keith Brodman, Ray Lembke, Allen Freeman, Rick Rack, Mark Cann, Andrew Geers, Tim Geers, Debbie Cook

1. Organization – Potential Foundation/501c3
    a. George brought a copy of Anderson Township's Park Foundation Articles of Incorporation. He also brought a copy of their Code of Regulations. While they require a minimum of three trustees, they currently have twelve on the foundation. Three of these are Park Commissioners. George is to have further discussions with Ken Kushner to learn about how the foundation operates. All are to review the documents in preparation to discuss further at the next meeting.
    b. Doug spoke with Chris Clingman from Clermont County Park District regarding their arrangement with Greater Cincinnati Foundation. The Park District paid an up-front fee to set up an account that is managed by the GCF. All agreed that this is worth learning more about. Doug is to reach out to the GCF after getting contact information from Chris Clingman.

2. Programming
    a. Fall Hike – The scheduled hike on October 15 went well. There were 10 attendees. The educational items that Nancy Ball had provided worked out well and attendees had a good time.
    b. Maple Tree Tapping – This is an activity that all have interest in pursuing, but, there is much to learn. Cincinnati Nature Center has a good program for this and will be a good resource. Debbie stated that the contact for this at the center is Jason. She will have discussion with him to learn more specifics. The group will target 2018 for this and use 2017 to learn and plan.
    c. Invasive removal work day – Agreed that the day would be Saturday 11/12 from 9am-12noon. Doug to send a note to Jenny Newcomb to post on the Township's Facebook page. Jan is to notify the Legendary Run Garden Club.
    d. Volunteer engagement – Doug drafted an article for the December issue of Legendary Living magazine. Debbie completed formatting of the database. Doug to send e-mail to volunteers.

3. Fundraising
    a. OKI Grant – Allen brought a copy of the letter (copy attached). Allen said that the funds would be available for fiscal 2018 which starts in July 2017. Allen has placed a call to ODOT as directed in the letter. Part of this grant will be used for the ODNR match.
    b. ODNR – The trails grant deadline is in May. There was a date change from what is indicated on the website.
    c. Reds Community Fund – Doug downloaded a copy of the application from the website. To be eligible, the project needs to support league play. This may not be an option at this time as the Township does not offer

league play at the ballfields. We could investigate offering league play. We may also need to consider opening up the fields as an alternative to temporary closure of the New Richmond fields while Beckjord is demolished. The Trustees would need to discuss this as there could be staff considerations in scheduling/managing league play at the park.

4. Dog Park Master Plan
    a. Lori presented pricing for the park and all reviewed. George pointed out that $1,500 should be used for the bench budget to be consistent with the Park Bench Donation program. Doug indicated that the water budget should cover installation of the drinking fountain. We need to understand if there would be any additional insurance requirements other than what is currently in place. Allen is to inquire. Lori is to update pricing. We will target the January Trustee meeting to present the plan and request Trustee approval to add this to the overall Park Master Plan.

5. Park Improvements
    a. Sign replacements – Trustees had approved a not to exceed for sign replacement. George had some ideas from Distinctive Signs. All agreed that a 2 sided sign would be best. 3'x5' is the best size structurally. There would be one sign at the Nature Park, and two at the main park. Consideration needs to be made for placement regarding the location of the safety berm. The thought is there would be one sign near the parking lot at the playground, and the other toward the event parking area.
    b. Picnic tables – Trustees had approved four replacements in the spring. George checked and a price increase has not been formally announced by the manufacturer, but the representative indicated that there is generally a 3-4% increase.
    c. Tree identification signs – George is to meet with Andrew Geers regarding details and direction for further progress.

NEXT MEETING, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2016, 6:30PM.

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October 28, 2016

Mr. Allen Freeman
Township Trustee
Pierce Township
950 Locust Corner Road
Cincinnati, OH 45245

Dear Mr. Freeman:

We trust this finds you well and enjoying the fall season. Here at OKI, this is an especially important time of year for us. We are pleased to announce more than $77 million in funding for 42 impactful projects that will enhance our region's economic vitality, safety and quality of life.

On October 13, 2016, OKI's Board of Directors unanimously approved the request from Pierce Township to fund the Pierce Township Park Renovation and Development Project. The project was approved for $187,635 in federal TA funds for the construction phase of the project, as part of fiscal year 2020. Pierce Township will provide a 20% local match for the project.

OKI is proud to support transformative projects that will make our region's transportation network all the more efficient, integrated and multimodal. We are equally as proud of the close partnerships we have formed with the jurisdictions and transportation entities across our region. This strong tradition of collaboration allows us to get good projects in the ground faster and, in so doing, advance our region.

Please contact Mr. Scott Brown at ODOT – District 8 in the next 30 days to schedule a field review of the project area later this year; milestone and sale dates will be determined at the field reviews. Scott may be reached at scott.brown@dot.ohio.gov or (513) 933-6706.

As you move forward with this project, OKI will continue to be available as a resource. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Summer Jones, Transportation Alternatives Coordinator, at sjones@oki.org or (513) 619-7674.

We look forward to our continued partnership and success.

Sincerely,

Kevin J. Lynch
President

Mark R. Policinski
CEO/Executive Director

Cc: Scott Brown, ODOT – District 8

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