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Subject: Pierce Township Green Space/Parks Committee Meeting Minutes 12/7/16

The following are the minutes from the Pierce Township Green Space/Parks Committee Meeting on 12/7/16:

Attendees: Doug Dresie, Pat Hogan, Lori Wilson, Debbie Cook, George Carpenter

1. Organization – Potential Foundation/501c3
   a. Doug spoke with Laura Menge at the Greater Cincinnati Foundation. Any funds distributed or accounts managed by the GCF must go to a 501c3 and not a government entity.
   b. George is to e-mail Anderson Parks documents to Ray Lembke.
   c. All agreed that we should bring our research to the Trustees to weigh in at this point before moving forward. Doug to send an e-mail to the Trustees to get on the agenda for their meeting on 12/14/16. The purpose is to get their feedback/support before moving forward. Ultimately, the Trustees will need to approve.

2. Fundraising
   a. OKI Grant update – The letter from OKI actually indicated fiscal year 2020, starting July 2019, rather than fiscal 2018. Doug exchanged e-mails with Allen Freeman. We will push for fiscal 2018 in conjunction with our application for an ODNR grant. We are still waiting on a request for a meeting with ODOT which was a next step indicated in the letter.

3. Programming
   a. Invasive removal work day – There were 14 people who participated in the work day at the Nature Park on November 12. Thanks to all who participated. Doug will send pictures.
   b. Maple tree tapping – Debbie discussion with Jason Newman at Cincinnati Nature Center. This is a very involved process/program and requires significant time and resources. It takes a daily commitment during the season as sap must be collected every day and must be used/processed within a week. The minimum tree width is 10 inch diameter. There are dates where groups can go to the Nature Center to work and learn. All agreed this would be a good next step to go work and learn what all is involved. Debbie is to send some dates and the group will select one. It is important to learn the process and understand all that is required prior to committing for a future year.
   c. Volunteer engagement – The article Doug wrote is in the December issue of Legendary Living (Legendary Run Community publication) which just came out. George recommended setting up a separate meeting in January for volunteers to discuss planning another event for the summer. Doug to send out an e-mail to volunteers.

4. Dog Park Master Plan
   a. Lori said that there are a couple of holes to fill on pricing, but, she is really close.

b. Presentation to the Trustees – Targeting the Trustee meeting on 1/10/17. Lori will present to the Trustees.

5. Park Improvements
   a. Sign Replacement – George brought design options from Distinctive Signs. The group selected the lighter background with dark letters. Also the wording was adjusted. George is the send to Keith Brodman for his wife to weigh in. She has a graphic design background. It was recommended to consider Helvetica for the font.
   b. Tree identification signs – George has worked with Drew Geers on design and mounting. To do 12 trees at $35/sign would be $420 in material. This could work with Drew's Eagle Scout project. George to finalize details with Drew.
   c. Website design – George, Doug, and Pat had met previously to discuss park page information for the Township website. George brought organization information for review. This information has been sent to Keith Brodman for review and future discussion. This will be reviewed further at the next meeting on 1/4/17.
   d. Park Information Board – Mark Cann had forwarded an example/idea of a park information board. All consider this a need. The committee will discuss further at future meetings.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

NEXT MEETING, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2017, 6:30PM.