



**GREEN SPACE/PARK COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: February 7, 2018

IN ATTENDANCE:

**Doug Dresie
George Carpenter
Lori Wilson**

**Loretta Rokey
Pat Hogan**

**Jan Witkowski
Don Kelley**

2018 Appropriation Requests	
1.1	George has prepared appropriation requests as Debbie Schwey had requested at the January Park Committee Meeting. George has listed \$9k for Park Fest, \$4k for stage design, and \$1k for miscellaneous. George is to send to Debbie and Loretta.
1.2	George requested a budget line item for Parks be established which would track funds raised and spent. George brought up that there should be approximately \$18k raised from Park Fest events. George is to review with Debbie Schwey.

Grant Updates	
2.1	Ohio Capital Funding – Doug and Lori received an update from Allen on Monday, February 5. Allen indicated that the application has received positive feedback from Representative Doug Green and Senator Uecker. We probably won't hear of any award for a couple of months.

Foundation Formation	
3.1	Role definitions – George talked to Ken Kushner from Anderson Parks. Anderson just revised their Code of Regulations to clarify some issues. George will forward a copy. Many of the changes answer our questions regarding role definitions.
3.2	Legal review assistance – Doug will reach out to Doug Thomson for potential assistance or at least a referral for assistance. The group agreed that we need to review Anderson's revised document as that is what we were using as a model.

Park Improvements	
4.1	Stage rendering update – George presented the revised 2D rendering. He has already signed off on it. All agreed with the final version. George stated that the video would be available in a few days.

Dog Park Updates	
5.1	Fundraising initiatives – Lori advised that she has worked with local restaurants to establish fundraising dates where a portion of their sales would go toward the Dog Park. She brought copies of the flyers. The following are the dates: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rapid Fire Pizza Eastgate on February 27 2. Chipotle at Pierce Point on March 20, 4pm-8pm 3. City BBQ Eastgate on April 17 4. Sweet Frog at Pierce Point on May 22
5.2	Lori had worked with Jenny Newcomb and set up a Pierce Township Dog Park specific Facebook page.

5.3	Lori is working on a grant application from Pet Safe and their “Bark for Your Park” program. The grant is for \$25k. Lori has already discussed with Allen Freeman who is to draft a letter of support. Randy Page is to write the benefits portion of the application. The deadline for the grant application is in May.
5.4	Lori plans to put small signs regarding the Dog Park initiative at the pet waste dispensers at the Park to build awareness. The Committee agreed unanimously.
5.5	Lori presented a form letter to be sent to licensed dog owners in Pierce Township. The purpose of the letter is to build awareness and to solicit donations to the Township for the initiative. She will be able to get the most up to date list from the County around the first of April. The plan would be to get the letters out some time in April or May. Lori will cover the cost of the letters and envelopes. Doug offered to cover the cost of the postage.
5.6	The group discussed a potential “Dog Wash” fundraiser for July or August. The ideal location would be at the Park; however, water source needs to be reviewed. Lori mentioned the possibility of a water truck. She also discussed briefly with Scott Light. Lori said that pet stores often donate shampoo for fundraisers such as this.

	Trails of Pierce Preserve
6.1	Eagle Scout project – The project must be finished by April 1. Don stated that the Scouts will camp on his property rather than on the Township property. The current scheduled work days are February 16-19. The group’s focus will be establishing new trails on the heavily wooded side of Pond Run Road (east side).
6.2	Signs – Don has installed “Private Property” signs. He has found some “No Hunting” signs at Lowe’s, but, needs about 4 more.
6.3	Don requested assistance from the Township on getting the gravel parking lot installed. Loretta is to bring this up at the work session scheduled for February 8 th .

	Park Fest 2018 Update
7.1	Subcommittee calendar – Tuesday, February 20, 7pm is the next scheduled planning meeting. Doug is to review the notes and confirm to the attendees.
7.2	General Update – The group needs more volunteers for the Planning Committee, as both Jan Witkowski and Lori Wilson will not be able to commit the time for this event as they did last year. We need to have Jenny post on Facebook. Doug will have an e-mail blast go out in <u>Legendary Run</u> .
7.3	George is working on marketing documents and will forward drafts to the planning committee.

NEXT MEETING: March 7, 2017, 6:30pm

Minutes prepared by:

Doug Dresie