



**GREEN SPACE/PARK COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: January 4, 2023

IN ATTENDANCE:

Pat Hogan Doug Dresie Michelle Balside Bob Wuerdeman Mark Cann
Tina Fredrick Dan Newyear

Park Events	
1.1	<p>Christmas Tree Lighting Recap:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was better attendance than last year • The A Capella group was a great addition. The musical groups are interested in performing again in 2023. • The ornaments should be put on the tree as soon as they are completed rather than waiting until the lighting. • We did run out of hot chocolate. • We should get word out sooner announcing the event.
1.2	<p>Movies in the Park:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The approximate cost is \$1,000 per event. This is in line with budget for Parks. • The group selected Saturday, May 20th, and Saturday, September 16th for the events. • Dan is to get the application for the equipment rental and send it to Doug, who will send it to the Township. We should get this processed as soon as possible to ensure we lock in the dates. • Dan will also forward the application for the movie licensing fees. Some potential movies mentioned were Despicable Me, Shrek, Up, etc. We should try to get licensing paid for at least 2 months prior to the event so that we can advertise.
1.3	<p>Concert in the Park:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michelle talked to Leroy Ellington. He is to put a proposal together with options for our budget. If we choose an earlier time, like late afternoon, we may get a better rate as the band would then have an option to do a second show somewhere else at night. • We do need to verify the electrical service available at the Learning Center. Michelle is to reach out to John Koehler. • The group settled on the date of Saturday, August 26, 2023.

Park Improvements	
2.1	<p>Master Plan Worksheet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group reviewed and discussed the Master Plan Worksheet. Doug to work on color coding for completed items, in progress items, etc., for review at the next meeting. • Mark Cann suggested that we establish a Top 10 list of achievable items for 2023. • Doug will distribute to the committee and those in attendance at the meeting for review in input prior to the February Meeting. • The group discussed potentially adding to the list the potential Mini Pitch court brought to the committee last year. FC Cincinnati has provided funding for such projects in other areas. There is demographic data needed, which we should be able to get from Tim Williams and Eddie McCarthy. Mark mentioned that some of this data may be in the Land Use Plan. Bob Wuerdeman will gather information. This item may be added to the list, but, is a longer term future project. • We do need to add Pickle Ball courts to the Worksheet.

2.2	<p>Spencer Shank Park Vandalism:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pat mentioned that there has been vandalism at Spencer Shank Park including damage to disc golf course signs and the bridge crossing the creek. • There has also been some littering perhaps from adjacent neighbors. • The group discussed potential for a “neighborhood watch” program and installation of signs.
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Other Business	
3.1	<p>Spring Parks Work Day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group settled on Saturday, April 1, 2023, at 10:00am for the Easter Egg Hunt. The make up rain date would be Saturday, April 8, 2023. This would be at Spencer Shank Park this year. • The group set the Spring Parks Work Day as Saturday, March 18, 2023, from 9am-1pm. The make up rain date would be Saturday, March 25, 2023, from 9am-1pm. • Some items to address at Spencer Shank Park would be repairing the bridge and general clean up in preparation for the Easter Egg Hunt event.
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NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, February 1, 2023, 6:30pm

Minutes prepared by: Doug Dresie