



**GREEN SPACE/PARK COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** January 5, 2022

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Michelle Balside      Pat Hogan              John Kohler              Darlene Page              Wayne Herman**  
**Mark Cann              Randy Page**

	<b>Events</b>
1.1	<p>Review of the December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Christmas Tree Lighting Event</p> <p>Despite the weather conditions, the First Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony was deemed a success! The music provided by the brass quintet from West Clermont High School, the caroling, the tree lighting, the hanging of the ornaments and the refreshments provided by Bigby Coffee made for a festive atmosphere and a good time was had by all!</p> <p>A decision was made to make the location of the tree permanent and to plant a real tree. Members of the Service Department and Park’s Committee will decide on the type of tree and will focus on a spring planting.</p> <p>A couple of items to consider adding in the future:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Path lighting for the paths on the north side of Locust Corner Rd. coming from both parking lots.</li> <li>2. Possible seating options.</li> </ol>
1.2	<p>Easter Egg Hunt – There was much discussion about the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. It was decided to recommend that only one event be held for the Township. At some point we need to begin blending the Village and the Township into one community. This will be the first of many such events! The Annual event will be held Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> 2022 at Locust Corner Park. In case of inclement weather, Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup> will be the alternate date.</p> <p>When more facilities and parking are developed at Groh and Spencer Shank parks, the event can be rotated. A large crowd is anticipated for this event and at the present time Locust Corner Park has the best of the available parking scenarios, including being able to park at Locust Corner Elementary School.</p>

2.1	<p><b>Baseball Field Fencing Grant from Clermont County Parks.</b></p>
	<p>Last year the Township submitted a request for a grant from Clermont County Parks (CCP) to fund replacement of the Baseball field fencing at Locust Corner Park. Due to a considerable rise in fence prices and a possible reconfiguration of the field the grant was never used. There was a discussion about contacting CCP to see if the funds could be reallocated for trail paving at Locust Corner. Due to the time constraints and need to get three proposals, this is not a viable option. It is the Parks Committee recommendation that the Township notify CCP that we will not be using the grant.</p> <p>Note: Although these grants are approved, the funds are not received from CCP until after the project is completed. Therefore, the money remains in the CCP fund and can be used toward other projects in the county.</p>
3.1	<p><b>Prioritization of Park Projects as outlined by the Master Plan Development submitted by Kleingers</b></p>
	<p>There was a lengthy review of the proposals for each park. (Groh, Spencer Shank and Locust Corner) There was unanimous agreement from all attendees for the top five projects at each park. These will be presented to the Trustees for further review at a combined meeting of the Trustees and Park’s Committee.</p>

**NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, February 2, 2022, 6:30pm**

**Minutes prepared by: Randy Page**