



GREEN SPACE/PARK COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: February 1, 2023

IN ATTENDANCE:

Pat Hogan Doug Dresie Michelle Balside Bob Wuerdeman Mark Cann
John Koehler Dan Newyear Allen Freeman

	Park Events
1.1	<p>Movies in the Park:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Per an e-mail from Tim Williams, the contract with Fun Flicks has been signed and the check for the deposit should go out next week. • All agreed on the movie “Up” for May 20th, and the movie “Despicable Me” for September 16th. • We should get the licensing fees out to Swank soon so that we can start advertising with the movies named.
1.2	<p>Concert in the Park:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group decided on Don Varner, as he is local to Pierce Township and has a following which will help draw people to the event. Michelle will reach out to Leroy Ellington. • Some potential food trucks for the event are Vinny Ray’s BBQ and Red Sesame. Kona Ice is always a good option as well. • Pat is to contact Paradise Brewing regarding the event. This may be a more expensive option than going through Ohio Valley or Stagnaro’s.
1.3	<p>Spencer Shank and Groh Park Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group discussed building an event at Groh Park around “re-opening” when the playground is completed. • The group also discussed an Ice Cream Social at Spencer Shank. • The group reviewed the list of potential events prepared by Mark Cann. A VW Car Show or a Hot Air Balloon show may be good candidates for events at Spencer Shank. Mark also found a Remote Control Airplane Club which may also be a good candidate for Spencer Shank.
1.4	<p>Circus in the Park:</p> <p>Allen has had discussions with Bircus Brewing Company regarding a potential small circus in the Park. Allen is to reach out to Bircus and potentially schedule an outing for the Parks Committee to visit and learn more about a potential event.</p>

	Park Improvements
2.1	<p>Master Plan Worksheet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group reviewed Mark’s Planned Activities list of targeted improvements for 2023, as well as the Master Plan Worksheet. In addition to the current projects underway at Locust Corner Park and Groh Park, some improvements discussed for 2023 include repairing the parking apron at Spencer Shank Park, and repairing the disc golf signs at Spencer Shank. • The group needs to review the location of Park Rules signs at Spencer Shank and potentially add more signs. • Allen mentioned that there are some additional grant opportunities coming out in May or June. One is the ODNR Natureworks grant, and the other is the Clean Ohio or Land/Conservation grant.
2.2	Locust Corner Park and Groh Park Project Updates:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fence replacement is ongoing at the Locust Corner Park tennis courts. John stated that the Baseball field work would complete in the April/May time frame. The Groh Park Playground will complete in June due to the lead time of the new equipment.
2.3	<p>Clermont County Park Grant Opportunity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doug received an e-mail from Tim Williams that the Clermont County Parks Grant application has been issued, and the deadline for submission. The group determined that a good option for this application is to add shade structures for the benches at the Locust Corner Park playground. Doug to research potential structures and share with the group. We will need to get three quotes.
	Other Business
3.1	<p>Spring Parks Work Day:</p> <p>The Work day will be Saturday, March 25, 2023, from 9am – 1pm. Dan is to post at UC for volunteers.</p>
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NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, March 1, 2023, 6:30pm

Minutes prepared by: Doug Dresie