



**GREEN SPACE/PARK COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: January 3, 2018

IN ATTENDANCE:

**Doug Dresie
George Carpenter
Debbie Schwey**

**Loretta Rokey
Pat Hogan
Tina Fredricks**

**Darlene Page
Randy Page
Andrew Geers**

**Dan Newyear
Don Kelley
Tim Geers**

Grant Updates	
1.1	Bridge Grant – This is on the agenda for the Trustees Meeting on January 10 to approve the purchase. Loretta indicated that township resident Rocky Bruno wants the old bridge and will dismantle it and haul it away. Loretta stated that he will need to sign a waiver.
1.2	Ohio Capital Funding – The application has been submitted to the county. Loretta brought copies to the committee members. There are 12 competing projects in the county. The total amount requested is \$284,970.00. This includes outdoor learning center, restrooms, history trail, safety improvements, as well as replacing the fencing at the ballfields. Allen Freeman is to get a copy of the request to Doug Green prior to the January 9 deadline to the state.
1.3	Duke Energy Foundation – The Township has been granted \$7,000 from the Duke Energy Foundation toward the Outdoor Learning Center design/survey.

Foundation Formation and Fundraising	
2.1	Ray Lembke did reach back out to Doug Dresie prior to the holidays indicating that other commitments had arisen and needed to delay our meeting to review documents. Doug to reach back out to Ray some time next week. George is to contact Ken Kushner at Anderson Parks to inquire about some of the role definitions in their foundation documents.

Park Improvements	
4.1	Stage renderings – George has received some preliminary ideas from the company. He will circulate for feedback over the next few days. Loretta needs a copy of the proposal so that a PO can be written.

Park Fest 2018	
5.1	Theme development – The following were some ideas discussed: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pig roast – Pat is to research 2. Interactive activities such as tug-o-war, sack races, etc. We could have team entry fees. 3. Dog agility demonstration 4. Dog costume contest 5. Dog rescue adoption 6. 5K Run/walk with \$20-\$25 entry fee. Randy Page to contact Kristin Bennett who has organized this in Pierce Township previously. Need to determine best route. We could draw High School Cross Country teams as a pre-training opportunity.
5.2	Committee Recruitment/Meetings – We will schedule a small group kick-off meeting. Doug will schedule one for the week of January 15.
5.3	Dates – We need to set an event date by the next Park Committee Meeting on February 7. George to research area church festival dates.

Miscellaneous Issues	
6.1	Debbie Schwey stated that the Park Committee needs to advise of appropriation amounts for the 2018 budget. This will include items for what will be need for pre-event spending needs for Park Fest and other anticipated expenditures. She needs the information by the first couple of weeks in February. George is to review and provide a draft. The committee will review and approve at the February 7 meeting.
6.2	Tree sign Eagle Scout project – Andrew Geers stated that he is meeting with Distinctive Signs later this week. The signs need to be kept small, about 4”x6”. The tree ID sign locations will be added to the trail map on the website. Andrew’s is to be complete by the spring.
6.3	Trails of Pierce Preserve – <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Don Kelley confirmed needing 10-12 “Private Property” signs and 10-12 “No Hunting” signs. Loretta stated that the Township will purchase them. Don stated that he would place them at appropriate locations once received. 2. Don stated that the Eagle Scout trail project will be completed by the end of April. He is still working with the scout team on finalizing project paperwork.

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

Minutes prepared by:

Doug Dresie