



**GREEN SPACE/PARK COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: February 6, 2019

IN ATTENDANCE:

**Loretta Rokey
Lori Wilson
Dan Newyear**

**Pat Hogan
Allen Freeman**

**Doug Dresie
Randy Page**

**Don Kelley
Darlene Page**

Park Improvements	
1.1	<p>Learning Center Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The planning meeting needs to be rescheduled Allen updated the group that in the budget meetings, the Trustees are trying to outline the funding process since the State Capital Grant is a reimbursable grant. The Township may be able to work toward an advance so that expenditures would not have to come out of the general fund until reimbursement. There is more work to do on this by the Trustees and Fiscal Officer. We do have the proposal from Kleingers for complete design and construction administration. Allen has also discussed the project with two General Contractors regarding a potential design-build option.
1.2	<p>Safety Improvements/Trail Work (OKI Grant)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OKI has granted an extension with the latest submittal since due to the recent changes (trail reroute) at the last Park Committee Meeting. This will not present a problem moving forward.
1.3	<p>Park Budget Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The attached draft budget for park items was reviewed. The budget for 2019 still needs to be approved prior to getting proposals on the signs, message board, etc. There was discussion around mowing the prairie at Pierce Preserve. The intent was for there to be 30 acres per year of prairie mowed to control invasives. The mowing pricing needs to be confirmed with John Koehler.

Digital Newsletter	
2.1	<p>Review draft comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Service Department needs to be added to the last page. Lori is to make minor corrections discussed and forward to Loretta. The newsletter will be presented for Trustee approval at the regular meeting on February 13. The newsletter will be circulated in the beginning of March. Great job by Lori Wilson for the idea, and the great graphic design work!!

Spring Park Work Day	
3.1	<p>Finalize date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doug researched the “Great American Clean-up” for our area and found May 11 as the date. We will target this date. It was pointed out that that is Mother’s Day weekend. We need to make contact with local “Keep America Beautiful” groups. Dan Newyear is to contact the local groups to understand more about their groups as well as the process for recruiting volunteers.

3.2	<p>Discuss Scope: Potential items include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue invasive removal at the Main Park • Trail maintenance/clearing <p>Exact scope is to be determined the closer we get to the date and the more we understand about volunteer recruiting.</p>
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Other Business	
<p>Pierce Preserve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allen stated that he is working with Doug Green, State Representative, for an earmark for developing a management plan for Pierce Preserve. The feedback has been positive to this point. • There has also been some discussion regarding working with the Cincinnati Nature Center to apply for Audubon preserve recognition. 	
<p>Dog Park:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KEP Electric has approached us about interest in donating materials or services to help in the construction of the Dog Park. KEP Electric is who donated the electrical improvements to the Park a two years ago. • The Pet Safe grant application is due in May or June and we will pursue again. • Lori has considered ODNR Natureworks grants for the Dog Park. Allen has some experience with these grants and will review potential for the Dog Park. • Randy pointed out that there have been County Park grants awarded recently for Dog Parks. This is a consideration for this year as well. • Allen stated that he has had discussions with a local developer about potential investment in the Dog Park. 	

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, March 6, 2019, 6:30pm

Minutes prepared by: Doug Dresie