



## **GREEN SPACE/PARK COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** March 4, 2020

### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

**George Carpenter**      **Lori Wilson**      **Pat Hogan**      **Tina Fredrickson**      **Greg Ernst**  
**Michelle Balside**      **Randy Page**      **Darlene Page**      **Dan Newyear**

**Chairman, Doug Dresie was absent from this meeting due to travel. George Carpenter moderated.**

	<b>Park Improvements</b>
1.1	<b>Learning Center Update:</b> The bid closing date was moved back to March 5 <sup>th</sup> at 11:00am. This was due to additional addendums that were added. Therefore, there was no new update to share on the bids.
1.2	<b>Safety Improvements (OKI Grant):</b> This includes the new trail addition in the west side of the park and the safety berm between Locust Corner Rd. and playground. This is also out for bid. The bids are due and will be opened on March 19 <sup>th</sup> @2:00pm at the Township Offices.
1.3	<b>History Trail Ideas:</b> George Carpenter advised the first of the prototype signs had been prepared and brought it for review. The cost of the signage insert is \$38.00. The manufactured base unit is around \$450.00. The Park's Committee and other regular attendees would like to thank Lori Wilson for her work and assistance to George Carpenter for the Logo on the History Trail Signs. This Logo was adopted and will be used on all of the signs. Michele Balside is going to assist on the history trail signs by finding a contact with knowledge of the history of Amelia. The goal is to have 3 or 4 more sign inserts completed within the next 120 days.
1.4	<b>Park Benches:</b> Randy Page advised that he and Darlene are in the process of restraining the benches at the main park. The goal is to have the five benches completed prior to the Easter Egg Hunt.

	<b>Dog Park Updates</b>
2.1	<b>2020 Fundraising:</b> Lori Wilson informed the committee that to date we have received \$13,797.00. \$2,500 has been raised in just the last two weeks in response to an email blast seeking additional donations to meet the goal for fencing and a water fountain.  There will also be another fund-raising Dog Wash at ProTech, on Beechmont Ave. This will be the third annual Dog Wash event and will be held on August 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2020.  The next Pupkin Parade will October 11 <sup>th</sup> 2020. In the event of construction at the Locust Corner Park, it could be held at Spencer Shank Park.

2..2	<p>This topic generated a number of other discussions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Signage at the entrance to the Cemetery path along Locust Corner Rd. If you are walking on the path from Locust Corner Elementary to the Park, there is a sign that says, “No Pets Allowed”. This is the only path to the park from that area to avoid walking on Locust Corner Rd. The Committee would like to recommend that the sign be changed to “Pets on Path Only”. This would allow folks to traverse the north end of the cemetery on the way to the park. Additional signs could be placed on the cemetery road south of the path that read, “No Pets Beyond This Point”.</li> <li>2. There was additional discussion about whether the Dog Park should be for members only or open to the community. There are Pros and Cons to both, but the consensus was to have it open to the public.</li> </ol>
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	<b>Other Business</b>
3.1	<p>Work Day March 28, 2020:</p> <p>There is a work day scheduled for March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The decision was made to have the primary work crews at Groh Park and the Nature Park, west of the Methodist church on Locust Corner Rd. There will be a smaller work crew at the main park on Locust Corner Rd. near the township office.</p>
3.2	<p>Spring Parks Newsletter:</p> <p>The next edition of the Park’s Digital Newsletter will be published on or about March 14<sup>th</sup>. This date is subject to change. It may be e published after the bid openings for the Safety Improvements on March 19<sup>th</sup>.</p>
3.3	<p>Easter Egg Hunt:</p> <p>Volunteers are needed to stuff eggs. Please contact Donna Cann or the Township Office if you are interested in helping.</p>
3.4	<p>Detective Bill Brewer Memorial:</p> <p>This is an on-going topic among the Park Committee Members and the regular attendees. How can we best honor and remember a First Responder and resident of Pierce Township.</p> <p>Possible Options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Name the proposed Learning Center in honor of Detective Brewer when it is complete.</li> <li>2. Name the Stage / Enclosed area in honor of Detective Brewer when it is complete.</li> <li>3. Attach a bronze plaque to the Learning Center structure near the proposed concrete patio area when it is complete.</li> <li>4. Have a standalone granite memorial adjacent to the proposed concrete patio. This could then be moved to the Memorial Area that is proposed in the Park Master Plan.</li> <li>5. Have a standalone bronze sculpture of a likeness of Detective Brewer adjacent to the proposed patio that could also be moved to the Memorial Area proposed in the Park Mater Plan.</li> </ol> <p>The general sentiment of the those present, is that naming the Learning Center or any part of the Learning Center in honor of Detective Brewer is very impersonal and in no way attached to the life and purpose of the detective. This option did not receive any support.</p> <p>The bronze plaque, or either standalone option would be more appropriate and better represent Detective Brewer. Any of these options could become part of the larger proposed Memorial Area when completed.</p> <p>George Carpenter and Randy Page were going to follow up this discussion by speaking with Police Chief Jeff Bachman, to get his proposals, have him consult with Mrs. Brewer and to see if there were any memorial funds available from either the Sheriff’s Office or Ohio State Patrol to help with the cost of any option chosen.</p>

3.5	<p><b>New Park Committee Members:</b></p> <p>Although there are five official spots on the Park's Committee appointed by the Township Trustees, we currently only have four official members. George Carpenter's term is up and he does not wish to be reappointed, due to other pursuits and interests. Therefore, the Park's Committee has two openings. Interest in these positions has been shown by two of the regular attendees, George was going to follow up with Eddie McCarthy to make sure the info had been received. The members of the Park's Committee would also like to thank those folks that regularly attend the meetings and assist in our volunteer efforts.</p>
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**NEXT MEETING:        WEDNESDAY, April 1, 2020, 6:30pm**

**Minutes prepared by: Randy Page**