



**GREEN SPACE/PARK COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** March 6, 2019

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Loretta Rokey  
Lori Wilson**

**Pat Hogan  
Allen Freeman**

**Doug Dresie  
Randy Page**

**Dan Newyear  
Darlene Page**

<b>Park Improvements</b>	
1.1	<p>Learning Center Planning: There needs to be a meeting scheduled. Allen stated that he is gathering information from other companies, such as Paragon Construction, a Pierce Township contractor. George will lead the project as the Township representative. Randy is also available to attend meetings to provide input. Allen is to schedule a meeting with Paragon. George is to send the concept video of the stage to Allen.</p> <p>Allen is to also check with ODNR if the project is required to be competitively bid or if it could be negotiated.</p>
1.2	<p>Safety Improvements/Trail Work (OKI Grant): Kleingers met the deadline of March 1<sup>st</sup> for the latest submittal to OKI. Kleingers is on track to meet the deadlines.</p>
1.3	<p>Park Budget Items: Loretta advised that there is \$15,000 appropriated for park improvements for 2019. The signage for Pierce Preserve signage is included in the appropriation. We can proceed with getting pricing from Distinctive Signs. Also included in the appropriation is 4 trash cans for \$800/each, and \$2,000 for park maintenance.</p>

<b>Dog Park Updates</b>	
2.1	<p>KEP Electric Meeting: Lori met with Kevin Padgett of KEP Electric. KEP will donate the installation of the water line from the Learning Center to the Dog Park. He also has a wholesale contact for fencing who may be a good resource.</p>
2.2	<p>Grant Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ODNR – ODNR has funded dog parks in the past. The next grant deadline is in May. Allen will assist with the grant application.</li> <li>• Clermont Parks – Doug is to e-mail Chris Clingman regarding timing of the next county grant.</li> <li>• Connect Clermont – There is a March 29 deadline for this opportunity. Lori needs park appropriation budget information for the application. Loretta is to provide the information to Lori.</li> <li>• Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) – Allen stated that there may be potential for a green space grant from OPWC. Allen is to gather information on the regulations.</li> </ul>

<b>Digital Newsletter</b>	
3.1	<p>Spring Issue Released – The Township received a great e-mail from Julie Stinchcomb regarding the newsletter. Kudo’s to all who contributed, and especially Lori for her great work in putting it all together!</p>
3.2	<p>Summer Issue – <b>Need articles by mid-May</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential Content: Aloha Yoga</li> </ul>

	Signs for Pierce Preserve Fall clean-up day November 16 July 4 Bike Parade
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<b>Spring Workday</b>
Volunteer Group Update: Dan checked on the Keep America Beautiful group and was advised that they don't provide or recruit volunteers; however, they suggested contacting University of Cincinnati. Dan reached out to UC and was advised that students may be required to compile volunteer hours to maintain scholarships. The group established Saturday, April 6, from 9am to 12:00pm to work on Pierce Park invasive removal. Dan is to try to recruit volunteers from UC. Pat stated that he would be able to recruit some Boy Scouts as well.

<b>Other Business</b>
Project Plan and Priorities: Allen suggested that the Committee layout a plan for projects to set goals for grant opportunities.
Lori advised that she planted two geo-caches in the park.
Randy advised that the Cincinnati Zoo has a program to register pollinator gardens. They provide signs and brochures. This is something to think about as we grow our pollinator gardens.

**NEXT MEETING:        TUESDAY, April 2, 2019, 6:30pm**

**Minutes prepared by: Doug Dresie**