



GREEN SPACE/PARK COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: March 7, 2018

IN ATTENDANCE: Randy Page, Pat Hogan, George Carpenter, Darlene Page, Lori Wilson, Andrew Geers, Tim Geers, Don Kelley, Loretta Rokey

Doug Dresie was unable to attend due to an emergency and George Carpenter served as Chair for the meeting.

	2018 Appropriation Requests
1.1	Loretta Rokey reported that Debbie Schwey was petitioning the State Auditor's office to allow Pierce Township to set up a special line item that would track all fundraising proceeds, and expenses (i.e. Park Fest costs), separate from other Township expenses. These funds would still be in the Township General Fund, but tracked separately.

	Grant Updates
2.1	Ohio Capital Funding – Loretta Rokey reported the process is still underway but the funding for the Learning Center (with bathrooms) is still in the budget at \$275K (we had asked for \$283.5K). Nothing is firm until the budget is final but we are still in the running.

	Foundation Formation
3.1	Doug Dresie has converted the newly revised Documents from Anderson Township's Park Foundation into Word format to make our markup process simpler. George commented that at first glance the revised Anderson documents were much improved, with a lot of the confusing language simplified the use of multiple terms referring to the same thing eliminated. It was decided that the next step was for the 4 appointed Park Committee members to meet again in a markup session.

	Park Improvements
4.1	Stage rendering – George has made banners to be erected at the future site of the Stage. The banner has a picture of the planned stage and a QR code that will take you to the YouTube animation site. George plans to have these in place by the Easter Egg Hunt on 3/17
4.2	Township Services Department is awaiting delivery of the prefab bridge and has communicated their intent to site clear the old bridge and erect the new one as quickly as possible this spring.

	Dog Park Updates
5.1	Fundraising initiatives – <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Chipotle at Pierce Point on March 20, 4pm-8pm. Chipotle will give 50% of proceeds if sales reach \$300 from Dog Park customers.2. City BBQ Eastgate on April 173. Sweet Frog at Pierce Point on May 22
5.2	Easter Egg Hunt – Lori plans to be at the 3/17 Easter Egg Hunt and will contact Doug to coordinate with plans to advertise Park Fest.

	Trails of Pierce Preserve
6.1	Eagle Scout project – The rustic trail development, starting at the “underpass” and extending about 2000-2400 feet to the north, is about 75% complete and should be completed by the 2 nd week in April. Don Kelley shared a map of the total trail project which is attached. The Eagle scout project is roughly from points 4 to 6 on the attached map.
6.2	Official name – Loretta Rokey reported that the name of this area will be Pierce Preserve and Trails and that a resolution will be put to the Trustees to memorialize this name at the next Trustee meeting.

	Scout Projects
7.1	Tree ID – Andrew Geers reported that the sign design is complete and ready to go. He will send the proofs to George Carpenter so the Committee has a record of these signs in its files to replicate elsewhere.
7.2	Nature Park trail signs – Zach Henninger has communicated that he is also working with the designer at Distinctive Designs and expects to have proofs for review very shortly.
7.3	It was commented that it would be nice to get an article in the Community Journal on these two projects once they are completed. The article could also mention Park Fest and any other improvements planned in the park (bridge, etc.).

	New Business
8.1	Randy and Darlene Page raised the subject of bat houses and the possibility they could be erected on a pole in at least 2 locations in the Nature Park. Randy will pursue this possibility beginning with the Township Administrator.
8.2	Randy and Darlene have also researched the design and costs of a message board at the park. Available designs are in the range of \$900 to \$1,000. The possibility of at least half of the cost being donated was discussed. Randy will also pursue this with Loretta Rokey.
8.3	Lori Wilson had previously raised the subject of a Monarch Butterfly “way station” in the Nature Park (see http://www.monarchwatch.org/waystations/). Lori will pursue getting seeds from the Nature Center.
8.4	Lori commented that Duke Energy was donating \$750K over 3 years to Connect Clermont (http://www.connectclermont.com/). Bob Pautke is the President. Lori raised the point that it would be nice if Pierce Township could receive some of this money for park projects.

NEXT MEETING: April 4, 2018, 6:30pm

Minutes prepared by: George Carpenter

