



**GREEN SPACE/PARK COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: April 4, 2018

IN ATTENDANCE:

**Randy Page
Tina Fredricks**

**Darlene Page
Pat Hogan**

**George Carpenter
Doug Dresie**

	2018 Appropriation Requests
1.1	George met with Debbie Schwey to confirm the amounts in the account raised for Parks. There is currently \$18,298.19. The Township is waiting on approval from the State Auditor to add a line item in the budget for Parks.

	Grant Updates
2.1	Ohio Capital Funding – Governor Kasich signed the bill. We have \$275k approved for the restrooms and learning center. We need to better understand the timing of the funds. George talked with Allen Freeman. We currently have \$185k (OKI), \$275k (Capital Fund), and \$7k (Duke Energy). Design for the Learning Center can start if we have received the \$7k from Duke Energy. Next step is for Allen Freeman to set up a meeting to discuss approved grants.

	Foundation Formation
3.1	The Pages are leaving for vacation on April 11. Randy is to send comments on the revised documents prior to vacation. Doug is to schedule a meeting with George and Pat to review and edit documents.

	Park Improvements
4.1	Bridge installation – The bridge has arrived. Installation is pending decent weather. Randy has discussed salvaging some of the wood to potentially be used for plaques or trophies, etc.
4.2	Message Board – The message board arrived and is pending installation. Randy brought sample documents to put in the case. Items included Park Fest 2018 flyer, Township/Park website and Facebook information, proposed dog park and stage information. George will draft an information sheet on how to donate for park improvements.
4.3	Bat House – Randy brought an example he built at the zoo. The unit must be at least 10’ above the ground. Randy has information and will share it with Loretta Rokey and John Koehler. This will be discussed further at the May Park Committee meeting.
4.4	Crossroad Community Project – The group discussed getting a Crossroads group to perform honeysuckle removal at the main park. Doug to check with Loretta on a contact at Crossroads.

	Dog Park Updates
5.1	Fundraising initiatives – So far the restaurant initiatives have raised \$56.20 (Rapid Fired Pizza) and \$141.33 (Chipotle). The next fundraiser is April 17 at City Barbecue in Eastgate.
5.2	Lori Wilson is working on developing a plan for a Dog Wash fundraiser in August.

	Trails of Pierce Preserve
6.1	Eagle Scout project – Don Kelley was unable to attend the meeting, but, updated Doug prior to the meeting that the project was finished.
6.2	Don Kelley had advised Doug Dresie that the proposed parking lot drawings were completed and given to John Koehler.

	Scout Projects
7.1	Tree ID – Andrew Geers was working on the signs. Need update on completion.
7.2	Nature Park trail signs – Zach Hininger has e-mailed back and forth with the group regarding trail sign design. The group needs to better understand timing of completion.
7.3	Community Journal – Need to plan a press release for when the projects are complete. We need to include information on grants and progress of improvements.

	New Business
7.1	Monarch Way Station – Lori Wilson had checked with Cincinnati Nature Center, and they no longer distribute free seeds. We can review other sources.
7.2	Benches at Nature Park – Randy and Darlene reviewed conditions. We may be able to replace the boards. Doug offered to purchase the boards. Randy will discuss with John Koehler.
7.3	There is a public hearing on proposed TIF's on April 11 in conjunction with the Trustee meeting. The language currently doesn't include Parks as a potential recipient of TIF funds. Committee members are to attend to provide input.

NEXT MEETING: May 2, 2018, 6:30pm

Minutes prepared by: Doug Dresie