



**GREEN SPACE/PARK COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: May 1, 2019

IN ATTENDANCE:

Don Kelley	Pat Hogan	Doug Dresie	George Carpenter
Carl Hartman	Randy Page	Darlene Page	

	Park Improvements
1.1	Learning Center Planning: The design process has started. The next meeting with the design team is Monday, May 13, 2019. Potential construction would start late summer/early fall. There is also a meeting with Kleingers planned for Monday, May 6, 2019, to discuss potential ideas for ballfield reconfiguration.

	Dog Park Updates
2.1	Grant Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ODNR – The group needs to understand the direction regarding the ODNR Natureworks grant opportunity. It may have been determined by Allen Freeman that this may not be the right opportunity for the Dog Park. • Connect Clermont – Lori Wilson had advised that the pre-application has been approved. We should hear next steps on this opportunity in June. • County Park Grant – Chris Clingman has advised that the next round of grant funding has been approved by the Park District Board. He is unsure of the timing of the applications and deadline.
2.2	Dog Park Events – The following are planned events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pooch Parade July 4 • Dog Wash to be potentially in August. Exact date is to be determined. • Halloween/Dog Costume Contest October 13 (Sunday)

	Digital Newsletter
3.1	Content and Assignments (May 15 deadline for content to Lori Wilson) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning Center Updates (George Carpenter) • Dog Park Updates (include event dates) (Lori Wilson) • Easter Egg Hunt Photos (Doug Dresie) • Aloha Yoga announcement (Randy to reach out instructor) • Park Clean-up Day – Photos and November work day announcement (Doug Dresie) • Park events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> July 4th Parade 10am Announcement on Park Fest • Fall Event – October 13, Dog Park Fundraiser & Kids Halloween • Pierce Preserve Update (Don Kelley)

	Other Business
4.1	Signs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park Rules – Ready to go.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non Smoking – George is to contact Distinctive Signs. • Pierce Preserve – Doug brought proof from Distinctive Signs. The cost is \$1,200. The committee approved the proof. Doug is to send a note to Loretta regarding the sign and message board for Pierce Preserve.
4.2	<p>Trash Cans: The group discussed options and the committee decided to go with the less expensive option of replacing lids on the 9 existing cans with exposed aggregate, and ordering 6 additional cans to match. The new lids will be dark green.</p>
4.3	<p>Scout projects: Pat advised that there two Boy Scouts planning projects with some others considering. The following are potential projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steps or bridges at the trails at the main park. George agreed to be the committee contact for this project. • Repairs/rework to the fall line trail at the Nature Park. Randy agreed to be the committee contact for this project. Pat is waiting on the volunteer to meet and review what is needed.
4.4	<p>Spring Work Day: There was great volunteer turnout for the Work Day on April 6th. A big THANK YOU to Dan Newyear for recruiting and coordinating the volunteers from the University of Cincinnati.</p>
4.5	<p>Pierce Preserve & Trails: Don Kelley provided the following updates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOPE has agreed to spend \$25k - \$30k to have some grading, tree planting, and wildflower planting performed at the preserve. This will also include a flagstone paved area for drop off, message board, etc. • Don Kelley and Allen Freeman are working with Congressman Doug Green on a grant opportunity for invasives removal and further trail development in partnership with the Cincinnati Nature Center.

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, June 5, 2019, 6:30pm

Minutes prepared by: Doug Dresie