



**GREEN SPACE/PARK COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: May 2, 2018

IN ATTENDANCE:

Randy Page	Jan Witkowski	George Carpenter	Kuenn Frederick
Lori Wilson	Pat Hogan	Doug Dresie	Don Kelley
Andrew Geers	Bob Hinklin	Loretta Rokey	

	Foundation Formation
1.1	George and Doug had previously had a discussion on the need for a Foundation with the difficulty completing the documents and now with substantial grant funding awarded should it be put on the back burner. The group discussed and determined that we should continue to move forward since we have remaining substantial funding needs, as well as future considerations. Currently time is and issue, but, we will be able to move forward more diligently after Park Fest.

	Park Improvements
2.1	Bridge Installation – Bridge installation is complete and looks good. The Service Department did a good job on the installation.
2.2	Bat House – The proposed installation would be at the Nature Park near the south end of the green trail, among trees. It would be mounted 12’-15’ above the ground on wooden posts. It would be out of the way of mowing. Hamilton County Parks has some at Woodland Mound. Bob Hinklin has a contact (Zurijanne Carter) who would be a good resource for tips. The Committee supports the installation of the Bat House.
2.3	Butterfly Garden – There are potential grant opportunities for butterfly garden signs through the Ohio Division of Wildlife. Jan Witkowski is going to bring this up as a potential project for the Legendary Run Garden Club. She would propose a 10’x20’ area at the Nature Park. This may also be a consideration for the Trails of Pierce Preserve. The Committee supports the installation of a Butterfly Garden.
2.4	Bench Rehabilitation – Doug Dresie offered to fund the purchase of the lumber/bolts for this project. This will be for the three benches at the Nature Park. Randy and Darlene Page have volunteered to do the work. Randy will provide a receipt when it is complete.
2.5	Crossroads Community Project – The Crossroads event has passed. We should keep this group in mind for future project needs.

	Dog Park Updates
3.1	<p>Fundraising Initiatives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lori has Dog Park donation request letters prepared. Jan is delivering them to West Legendary Run residents. 2. The Sweet Frog fundraiser is on May 22 at the Pierce Point location. You must present a flyer. 3. Lori is considering a Doggie July 4th Parade. She would schedule in the afternoon to not interfere with the bike parade in the morning. It would be a fundraiser with prizes. 4. Lori is working on the plan for a Dog Wash fundraiser in August. Bentley’s has agreed to donate the shampoo. Location and water source are issues to be considered. One solution would be to discuss use of a fire hydrant with adapter with the Fire Department. 5. Jersey Mike’s has agreed to do 2 fundraisers for the Dog Park in June. Dates are June 2 and June 23.

3.3	Grant Update – Lori is working on the application. She still needs a letter of support from a Civic Leader. Allen Freeman is to provide that. She will forward a draft to the committee when completed.
3.4	Park Fest Dog Activity Ideas – Lori presented the following ideas: 1. Eva Weldon – She is a face painter who does dog faces for kids. 2. Demo for a frisbee dog by Kathy Wilson 3. Craig Hentzleman is a potential resource to do a K-9 demo. Lori will see him Saturday, May 5.

	Trails of Pierce Preserve
4.1	Parking Lot – Kuenn Frederick has completed the design and Loretta and John Kohler have a copy of it. The plan has 11 parking spaces and on large space that would accommodate a school bus. Loretta is to discuss with John and advise when Don Kelley and Kuenn would present to the Trustees. Don indicated that a good goal would be to open the Preserve in the fall; however, the parking lot is needed in order to do this.
4.2	Don stated that the Preserve would be ready to mow in the next couple of weeks. He sad that Steve Utter will do the initial mowing to establish the layout.

	Scout Projects
5.1	Tree ID – Andrew Geers stated that the signs arrived. The committee reviewed and they look good. The QR code work. The next step is to get the signs installed. Andrew is to advise Loretta Rokey and John Koehler when he plans to be working.
5.2	Nature Park Trail Signs – Zach Hininger is working on the final design of the trail signs.

	New Business
6.1	Yoga in the Park – George mentioned that he has been approached by a yoga instructor about doing classes in the park. There would be no charge to participants, but, donations would be accepted. She is a Township resident. The group discussed and, based on the fact that there are no guidelines at this point, allow her to do this on a small scale to see how it goes. The group did commit to working on park usage guidelines to be reviewed and approved by the Trustees. This will be a fall/winter project for the group.
6.2	Press Release for Park Fest – Doug will send the draft to Loretta for review.

NEXT MEETING: June 6, 2018, 6:30pm

Minutes prepared by: Doug Dresie