



**GREEN SPACE/PARK COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: June 5, 2019

IN ATTENDANCE:

Don Kelley	Pat Hogan	Doug Dresie	George Carpenter
Lori Wilson	Randy Page	Tina Fredricks	Eddie McCarthy
Loretta Rokey			

Park Improvements	
1.1	<p>Learning Center Planning: The next planning meeting has not been scheduled. George ordered brochures from Poligon for potential pre-engineered structures. This was one of the potential options provided by Kleingers. George also received updated pricing from David Williams Associates for the structure used in the Master Plan. The pricing has not increased dramatically from three years ago.</p>
1.2	<p>Fence: Randy pointed out that the old split rail fence sections near the parking lot really need to be removed and potentially replaced. There should be a small gravel path added for bike riders to use rather than going through the flower bed near the park sign. It was also suggested to plant some shrubs, perhaps barberry, to deter people from crossing through the mulched beds near the parking lot and utilize the designated path. We could also add stepping stones to encourage use of those.</p>

Dog Park Updates	
2.1	<p>Grant Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ODNR – We need to check with Allen Freeman on the application Lori had shared. We need to understand the next opportunity deadline, and also understand how best to present the Dog Park for this grant opportunity. • Connect Clermont – Lori stated that our application made it through the first round. We are expecting to here sometime in June. • Petsafe – Lori stated that the application has not come out yet, but it will soon.
2.2	<p>Dog Park Events – The following are planned events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog Wash is scheduled for August 10th from 11am-2pm at ProTech Autocare on Ohio Pike. We do need to find a sponsor. • Great Pupkin Parade - Halloween/Dog Costume Contest October 13 (Sunday) Time to be determined. Discussed potentially having beer for sale as well as hayrides. Pat is to check with distributors on options for a smaller scale event than Park Fest. Potential for a bonfire to roast marshmallows, etc. Loretta to bring up at Trustee’s meeting on June 12. Loretta to check if Park Fest funds can be used for any upfront expenses. Bonfire and hayride options to be reviewed for liability issues. Doug is to reach out to Clough Pike Baptist church about bounce houses and look into a potential DJ for the event.
2.3	<p>Lori met with Kevin Padgett on June 2 and laid out boundaries for the Dog Park to the east side of the access road. It may end up being slightly smaller than indicated in the Dog Park Master Plan. The final layout needs to be aligned with the new paths that are part of the OKI grant.</p>

Pierce Preserve & Trails	
3.1	<p>Improvements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The sign has been installed. • Significant grading performed around parking lot • Culvert installed to improve drainage • Wild flowers, grass seed/straw mix, and trees planted • 15'x15' flagstone pavers installed • Don is working with Distinctive Signs on a map for the message board • Don brought up that a guardrail needs to be installed on Pond Run Road at the tunnel. This is a safety issue for motorists as well as anyone hiking the trails and using the tunnel under Pond Run Road.
3.2	Message Board – The message board has been ordered and will be installed by the Service Department when it arrives.
3.3	The prairies need to be bush hogged. Loretta to check with John Koehler on who does this at the Nature Park.
3.4	A celebratory event will be scheduled for mid to late July for the official opening of the Preserve.

Other Business	
4.1	<p>Scout Projects</p> <p>Pat met with Jim Meyers and the scout who plans to build steps at Locust Corner Park trails. The scout is working on a plan to present to George.</p>
4.2	Trash cans have been ordered.
4.3	Randy stated that Locust Corner Park has received a pollinator garden certification from the Cincinnati Zoo. Thanks to Randy and Darlene Page for their efforts in making this happen. This will be posted on the Facebook page.
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NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, July 9, 2019, 6:30pm

Minutes prepared by: Doug Dresie