



**GREEN SPACE/PARK COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** June 6, 2018

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

<b>Darlene Page</b>	<b>John Koehler</b>	<b>George Carpenter</b>	<b>Tina Fredrick</b>
<b>Lori Wilson</b>	<b>Pat Hogan</b>	<b>Doug Dresie</b>	<b>Don Kelley</b>
<b>Andrew Geers</b>	<b>Tim Geers</b>	<b>Loretta Rokey</b>	

<b>Park Improvements</b>	
1.1	Bat House Plan – This will be tabled until after Park Fest. The best time for installation is so that it is in place by April or May.
1.2	Butterfly Garden – The Legendary Run Garden Club has started planting at the new message center. George stated that if we can get content for a sign, we can go to Distinctive Signs to get them made. Lori can help with sign design. Doug mentioned that Jan Witkowski has good ideas for this. There is also good information from the Zoo and Cincinnati Nature Center.
1.3	Bench Rehabilitation Update – The benches at the Nature Park are complete except for staining. This will happen in about 2 or 3 weeks as the wood has more time to dry out.

<b>Dog Park Updates</b>	
2.1	July 4 <sup>th</sup> Pooch Parade – The event will be at 1:00pm to not interfere with the morning bike parade. No Township staff is needed for this event. It will be run by volunteers. Doug will have a canopy on site for the event.
2.2	Potential Dog Wash Fundraiser – Lori stated that this is scheduled for August 4 from 11am – 2pm. The event will be held at Protech Auto on Ohio Pike. The cost will be \$15/dog as a donation to the Dog Park. Bentley’s is donating shampoo as well as SWAG bags.
2.3	Other Fundraising Initiatives – Lori advised that 275 donation request letters have been distributed. To date we are up to \$2,000 in fundraising. The Jersey Mike’s event netted \$42, which they will match, for a total of \$85. The next Jersey Mike’s fundraiser is June 23.
2.4	Grant Update – The grant application was submitted in May. We should hear by August. The amount of the grant is \$25,000.

<b>Trails of Pierce Preserve</b>	
3.1	Parking Lot – Don brought an updated map for the group. There will be a meeting on Monday, June 11, at 10am to review mowing and the parking lot. Don Kelley, Kuehn Frederick, Loretta Rokey, John Koehler, and Allen Freeman are to attend.
3.2	Mowing – The first mowing was performed by Steve Utter. Don stated that it took about 3 hours to complete and is about 3 miles of trail to mow. The group discussed alternating mowing the fields. The consensus was to complete the field mowing in 2 sections alternating years like is currently done at the Nature Park. The mowing would take place in July/August.

<b>Scout Projects</b>	
4.1	Tree ID – Andrew reported that the signs are installed. The only item left is that Andrew needs to make some changes to the website before it is posted on the Township’s site. Andrew is to e-mail Jenny Newcomb and Loretta Rokey. Andrew will reach out to Pat Hogan to sign off on the project.

4.2	Nature Park Trail Signs – This project is completed and signed off on. We may use some of the leftover funds to replace the main trail sign near the parking lot.
4.3	We need to plan a recognition event at a Trustee Meeting for these scout projects. We will plan for the July Trustee meeting on July 11 <sup>th</sup> . Pat is to provide details of the projects to Loretta.

	<b>New Business</b>
5.1	Park Fest Dunk Tank – Bethel American Legion is letting us use their dunk tank for Park Fest. They have inquired about insurance. The Township’s liability insurance would cover people on site. Auto insurance of who is transporting it would cover it while in transit.
5.2	Park Fest Insurance – Loretta needs to know the beer sales from last year for the insurance company. George or Pat will gather the information and send to Loretta and Debbie Schwey.

**NEXT MEETING:        TUESDAY, July 10, 2018, 6:30pm**

**Minutes prepared by: Doug Dresie**