



**GREEN SPACE/PARK COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: July 7, 2021

IN ATTENDANCE:

Pat Hogan Doug Dresie Randy Page Michelle Balside Anne Campbell
Lori Wilson Loretta Rokey John Koehler George Carpenter Mark Cann
Dan Newyear Darlene Page

	Park Improvements
1.1	<p>Master Plan Worksheet: The group reviewed and discussed the Master Plan worksheet.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Township website needs to be updated to include the Township map with parks identified which was incorporated into the updated Master Plan. There also needs to be a bulleted list of amenities for each Park. History Trail information needs to be added to the website. Lori will work on preparing content that could be easily uploaded to the website. • Doug is to review the Worksheet and start populating the activity sheet for review at the August Committee meeting. • Mark Cann will bring up website maintenance at the Trustee Meeting on 7/14/21, as Doug will be out of town. • The Parks Committee recommends the Trustees approve the Master Plan Updates. It will be on the Agenda for the Trustee Meeting on 7/14/21. Trustees will need to formally approve prior to it being uploaded to the Township website.
1.2	<p>Fence Replacements at Locust Corner Park:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The quote to replace the ballfield fencing cannot be accepted as it is over \$50k, which would require the Township to solicit multiple bids. This is also significantly above previous quotes due to current market conditions for steel. • The Group discussed the potential for eliminating the ballfield closest to Locust Corner Road, and then replacing the fencing on the ballfield behind it, as it is smaller. Eliminating the front ballfield could allow the space to expand parking and/or add a soccer field. The Group needs to better understand ballfield usage and also get feedback from those teams who are using it for practices. Randy will get with Laura Waczovszky to get data on ballfield usage. • Loretta is to check with the County on the deadline to make changes to the County grant award scope.
	Groh Park
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been vandalism at the Park. The Township has started surveillance with cameras. There have been two teenagers caught for some of the damage. • The picnic tables are still usable but need repair. • The Committee will hold a special meeting at Groh Park on Thursday, July 22, 2021, at 6:30pm, to review conditions and solicit feedback from the Community on recommendations for improvements. Michelle will get notice out to the community. The Township will need to post the meeting. Doug to send information to Laura Waczovszky.
	Other Business
3.1	<p>Park Events The following are ideas for future events at Locust Corner Park:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shakespeare in the Park • Concerts • Movie nights • Battle of the High School Bands <p>The Township needs to consider purchasing a small PA system for the Learning Center.</p> <p>The Group is forming a Subcommittee for Park Events. The following volunteered to participate in the Subcommittee: Mark Cann (Chair) Michelle Balside Anne Campbell Dan Newyear Pat Hogan</p>
3.2	<p>Vision/Mission Statement</p> <p>This will be discussed further at the August meeting. This should also be consistent with the potential 501c3 development.</p>
3.3	<p>Special Events/Park Use Requests</p> <p>The group discussed park use requests and determined that at this point it is best to address on a case by case basis. Shelters and picnic facilities are first come first serve. Larger events need consideration by the Police, Fire, and Service Departments in terms of staffing needs and potential cost.</p>
3.4	<p>The Parks Committee recommends the Trustees approve the Master Plan Updates. It will be on the Agenda for the Trustee Meeting on 7/14/21. Trustees will need to formally approve prior to it being uploaded to the Township website.</p>
3.5	<p>Loretta recommended conducting a community survey for feedback on ballfields/parks and new additions. This could be easily conducted through Survey Monkey.</p>
3.6	<p>Dan Newyear requested that the Fall Clean-up be added to the August Agenda.</p>

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, August 4, 2021, 6:30pm

Minutes prepared by: Doug Dresie