



**GREEN SPACE/PARK COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: July 9, 2019

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

Park Improvements	
1.1	<p>Learning Center Planning: The last meeting with the design team was on June 27, 2019. George presented more information to the design team to better align them with our budget. Core drilling in the ball fields has taken place. The next meeting with the design team has not been scheduled yet. Loretta is to send Kleingers an e-mail requesting an updated schedule as well as a proposed next meeting.</p>
1.2	<p>Bill Brewer Memorial</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Randy showed photos of a service member memorial in Darlene’s home town in Pennsylvania. • There is an element in the Master Plan for a uniformed service memorial. George is to reach out the company who did the conceptual video for the proposed stage, as they designed the Service Dog Memorial in Amelia. • There is potential to name the Learning Center after Bill Brewer, or incorporate something significant in it to memorialize him. • Doug is to e-mail Mark Cann for an update on the fire truck restoration and potential uniformed service memorial. • George is to discuss with the Police and Fire Departments for input. Dan Newyear is to reach out to the American Legion to discuss potential involvement in design or element suggestions. • At some point we need to reach out to the Brewer family for their input.

Dog Park Updates	
2.1	<p>Grant Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ODNR – January due date Loretta is to review the application and assist with the preparation. • Connect Clermont Lori advised that we were not successful with this grant opportunity. Doug is to e-mail Bob Pautke for feedback on the awards and our application. • Petsafe Lori advised that the enrollment for this year’s opportunity is not open yet. • Clermont County Parks Grant Lori and Randy met with Rex Parsons of Batavia Township and received information on the cost and how they were able to fund their new dog park. The park cost was \$39,300.
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. Lori will start getting the word out on social media.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great Pupkin Parade - Halloween/Dog Costume Contest October 13 (Sunday), 11am – 3pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freddy’s will cater the event and donate a portion of the proceeds • Brian Maynard (DJ) has tentatively agreed to do the event • Discussed potential for hayrides. All agreed that it would be in the baseball fields. Doug is to discuss with Bill Harman for his potential interest and availability. • Dan suggested potentially selling pumpkins at the event. Dan is to look into cost and where to purchase. • Doug will recruit facepainters for the event. • There will also be a Truck or Treat at the event. • Regarding beer, Pat is to review the sales totals from the last Park Fest event and cut the quantity to purchase in half. • Potential Event Sponsors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letitia Fulkerson – State Farm • Chris Properties • Chris Heine – Allstate • Eastgate Animal Hospital
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	Pierce Preserve & Trails
3.1	Celebratory Event – August 17, 2019, 6:00pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOPE is sponsoring the event for 50-60 people. Light refreshments/beverages will be served. • Press release ideas have been given to Loretta. The press release will happen after the Celebratory Event.
3.2	Bush hogging – Don advised that Steve Utter is not interested in performing the bush hogging. He did provide a recommendation and the cost for a 30 acre portion is \$900. Don is to give the information to Loretta. It is recommended that one quadrant be done each year.
3.3	The message board has arrived. John Koehler is to contact Don about installation.

	Other Business
4.1	Digital Newsletter Fall Edition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid-August deadline for articles • The group is to brainstorm articles for next Park Meeting • One idea is to solicit the community for ideas for the history trail markers.
4.2	Trash cans have arrived and all are in place except for by the Port o let near the gravel access drive.
4.3	Scout projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Devin Potts is working on a plan to install steps in a location on the trails at Locust Corner Park. • Another scout is reviewing potential projects such as a small bridge or more steps on the trails at Locust Corner Park. He is determining the best option. • Another scout is reviewing needed repairs to the fall line trail at the Nature Park. • Another scout is reviewing a potential project to install benches along the hiking trail at Locust Corner Park.
4.4	Loretta mentioned that Eddie McCarthy visited the parks and noted that the benches adjacent to the playground could use shade. The has been previously discussed as a need. Randy stated that shade structures were installed at benches in Batavia Park by Superior Steel. The group discussed looking into fabric shades.

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, August 7, 2019, 6:30pm

Minutes prepared by: Doug Dresie