



**GREEN SPACE/PARK COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES – GROH PARK**

DATE: July 22, 2021

IN ATTENDANCE:

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| Pete Kambelos | Allen Freeman | Nick Kelly | Doug Dresie | Randy Page | Michelle Balside |
| Loretta Rokey | Darlene Page | Mark Cann | Jeff Bachman | Craig Wright | Virginia Schneider |
| Robert Briggs | Renee Gerber | Tim Rosser | Sue Rosser | Ben Tenhover | Stephanie Tenhover |
| Brian Watts | Ed McCoy | Ryan Lewellyn | Kristan Dailey | Jennie Gould | Brittany Kirschner |
| Karen Beckett | David Beckett | Brad Kirschner | Mark Kelly | MaryBeth Kelly | Donna Litkenhaus |
| Sherry Malatt | Kevin Kussrow | Larry McRoberts | | | |

| Recent Vandalism/Safety | |
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| 1.1 | <p>Vandalism at Groh Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed recent vandalism at Groh Park including damage to picnic tables, graffiti, and the grill. The Service Department has removed the grill, repaired the tables and painted. Police Chief Jeff Bachman stated that there were two teenagers caught on camera and discipline has been turned over to the parents. Residents are encouraged to contact the Police (513-732-2231) if they see any suspicious behavior. Park Rules are posted at all Parks. |
| 1.2 | <p>Maintenance Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents expressed need for improved maintenance mentioning paved paths at both Groh Park and Spencer Shank needing attention. Residents also mentioned need for broken glass removal at Groh Park. Repair water fountain at Spencer Shank Dog Park. Residents are encouraged to contact the Township Service Department (513-752-6262) with any maintenance issues or requests. |

| Potential Improvements and Needs for the Park | |
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| 2.1 | The group brainstormed improvement needs for not only Groh Park, but Spencer Shank Park as well. See the attached list with priorities highlighted in yellow. |
| 2.2 | <p>The group also discussed developing consistent programming and events in the Township Parks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerts in the Park Craft Shows Movies in the Park Food truck events Bike nights (both kids and adults) Blood drive Yoga in the Park |

| Potential Changes to Existing Park Amenities | |
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| 3.1 | <p>Along with the items captured on the attached list, the following items were discussed regarding changes to existing amenities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The majority of attendees recommended removing the Skate Park entirely. There was mention of potentially moving a portion of it to Spencer Shank Park. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The playground structure has been removed from Arrowhead Park as it was deteriorating and unsafe. The majority of residents in attendance recommend leaving Arrowhead Park as green space rather than replacing the equipment or adding benches or tables.• Improve visibility of Groh Park from the street. |
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NEXT MEETING: Regular Greenspace Parks Committee Meeting, August 4, 2021, 6:30pm, at Township Offices

Minutes prepared by: Doug Dresie

Parks Committee Meeting

Groh Park

7/22/2021 @ 6:30pm

1. Play set geared toward little/smaller kids (e.g., Miami Meadows)
 - a. Add to...so something for all ages
 - b. Rocking toys
2. Splash pad!
3. Bathroom (not portalet!)
4. Dog Park activity equipment
5. ADA swings, equipment, etc.
 - a. Get more information on requirements
 - b. Cost may require to do it at 1 park
6. Spencer Shank Park also needs investment
7. Amphitheater (mini concerts) with bathrooms (Spencer Shank Park)
8. Equipment & space utilization assessment
9. Skate park (get rid of it/relocate)
 - a. If moved, make it less isolated and more visible
10. More basketball hoops at Groh & move Skate Park to Spencer Shank
 - a. Low priority
11. Maintenance on consistent schedule
12. Signs with Township phone number to call with issues with Park Rules
13. Arrowhead (make greenspace)
14. Groh Park
 - a. Walking path/pavement improvement (currently water pooling)
 - b. Spongy pad @ base of play area
 - c. Wiffle ball field
 - d. Pickle ball court
 - e. Tether ball court
15. More poop bag stations
16. More parking near Dog Park @ Spencer Shank
17. To raise money for improvements
 - a. Bike/power wheels "Show"
 - b. 5K
 - c. Motorcycle "Bike Night"
 - d. Cornhole tournament
18. Bar that serves alcohol
19. Reduce number of basketball courts at Spencer Shank Park. Perhaps add tennis or pickleball courts in their place.
20. Add agility equipment at Spencer Shank Dog Park
21. Add benches along walking paths