



**GREEN SPACE/PARK COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** August 7, 2019

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Eddie McCarthy**  
**Lori Wilson**  
**Loretta Rokey**

**Pat Hogan**  
**Greg Ernst**  
**Mark Cann**

**Doug Dresie**  
**Tina Fredricks**

**George Carpenter**  
**Dan Newyear**

<b>Park Improvements</b>	
1.1	<p>Learning Center Planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• George has solicited feedback from some individuals on electrical requirements for the stage.</li> <li>• Loretta stated that Kleingers is to have an update this week. We need to push them for an updated schedule on design.</li> </ul>
1.2	<p>Bill Brewer Memorial:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussed the old fire truck and longer term plans for uniformed service member memorial. Mark Cann stated that the fire truck is running but is not road-worthy, as it needs tires and other work. Overall it is in good shape for its age. Some clean up is needed. It is currently protected in the garage near the water tower near Lewis Road.</li> <li>• Batavia Township has completed a memorial for Bill Brewer near the sports park entrance</li> <li>• The group discussed that shorter term, we need to incorporate this into the Learning Center project. George is to discuss ideas with the Police and Fire Departments. Dan is to reach out his contacts at the American Legion regarding potential ideas for longer term service member memorial. At some point, we need to discuss with Bill Brewer's family.</li> </ul>
1.3	<p>Tree Planting Program:</p> <p>Greg Ernst is willing to volunteer to plant trees at the direction of the Township. He is offering to provide material and labor. Pat suggested planting some at the Nature Park. Other suggestions were planting some near benches at the playground. The Committee should develop standards, such as, how to plant, watering guidelines, and deer protection. The standards would need to be presented and approved by the Trustees. Greg and Pat are to recommend tree species. Doug to research potential standards.</p>

<b>Dog Park Updates</b>	
2.1	<p>Grant Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Connect Clermont – We were unsuccessful with the latest opportunity. The feedback received was that all applications were very strong and the decision on awards were difficult. No specific feedback was given for our application. Awarded grants are to be announced in the near future.</li> <li>• Clermont County Park Levy Opportunity – Deadline is October 1<sup>st</sup>. Loretta, Lori, and Randy are going to an information session on August 13<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• ODNR Nature Works – Date has moved out (early 2020?). Loretta is to assist with application process.</li> </ul>
2.2	<p>Dog Park Events – The following are planned events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dog Wash is scheduled for August 10<sup>th</sup> from 11am-2pm at ProTech Autocare on Ohio Pike. Doug is to bring canopies, tables, and chairs.</li> <li>• Great Pupkin Parade - Halloween/Dog Costume Contest October 13 (Sunday), 11am – 3pm - Clough Pike Baptist Church is unable to provide bounce houses. We need to look into a rental.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Doug's contact for the hayride is not available on October 13. Lori has a potential contact. Mark Cann may volunteer. Loretta is to send a copy of the waiver to Mark for review.</li> <li>- DJ – Tentative commitment from Brian Maynard. Doug to follow up to confirm.</li> <li>- Lori is planning a small car show with trunk or treat for kids.</li> <li>- Lori is to get layout to Pat for the alcohol permit.</li> <li>- Dan Newyear has received a \$250 sponsorship from Allstate. Doug is to follow up on two potential sponsors. All should review potential sponsors to target.</li> <li>- Dan Newyear has discussed pumpkins with Kroger and applied. He also discussed with Schott Farms who told him to contact them in September.</li> <li>- Potential Event Sponsors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Letitia Fulkerson – State Farm</li> <li>Chris Properties</li> <li>Chris Heine – Allstate</li> <li>Eastgate Animal Hospital</li> <li>Pet Supplies Plus</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
2.3	Dan Newyear has had discussions with Pet Supplies Plus' District Manager about sponsorships or other potential support for the Dog Park. Dan and Lori are to meet with them on August 16 <sup>th</sup> . Potential opportunities may be donations of benches or poles for pet waste bags.

	<b>Pierce Preserve &amp; Trails</b>
3.1	Celebratory Event – August 17, 2019, 6:00pm soft opening. NOPE providing refreshments. Doug will bring canopies.
3.2	Message board is installed. The Park Rules are to be posted in the message board. There should be a new one made to post as with the other parks.
3.3	Bush Hogging – Loretta stated that Don Kelley had given a potential contact name. Fontaine has quoted \$900.

	<b>Other Business</b>
4.1	<p>Digital Newsletter Fall Edition – August 15<sup>th</sup> deadline for content</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pierce Preserve (Lori has content)</li> <li>• History Markers (George)</li> <li>• Pupkin Parade (Lori)</li> <li>• Fall Work Day (Doug)</li> <li>• 4<sup>th</sup> of July Photos (Doug to share in Dropbox)</li> </ul>
4.2	Scout projects – Pat reported that there hasn't been any further activity due to summer. He expects proposals in the fall.

**NEXT MEETING:        WEDNESDAY, September 4, 2019, 6:30pm**

**Minutes prepared by: Doug Dresie**