



GREEN SPACE/PARK COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: October 2, 2019

IN ATTENDANCE:

Darlene Page
Lori Wilson
Loretta Rokey

Randy Page
Pat Hogan
Tina Fredrick

Doug Dresie
Dan Newyear
Greg Matulionis

George Carpenter
Mark Cann

	Park Improvements
1.1	Learning Center Planning: There was a meeting with the design team on Monday, 9/30/19. The next iteration of the drawings, which will be 75%, is due 10/15/19. Two weeks after that, bid packages will be ready to go out, unless there are major changes.
1.2	Clermont County Park Grant Opportunity: Two grant applications were submitted on 10/1/19. One was \$10,000 for the Dog Park, and the other was \$20,000 for resurfacing the tennis and basketball courts. The awards may be made by the end of October. In this round, there is a maximum of \$100,000 to be awarded.
1.3	Tree Planting Program: Loretta met with the state arborist, and they advise to not plant maple trees due to the Asian long-horned beetle being near our area. The state arborist is to send additional information to Loretta. Whoever is available will meet Greg Ernst at the park on Monday, October 6, at 6:00pm to review potential locations to plant trees.
1.4	Porta-Potty Surround at basketball court: No further update at this time. Randy is to get with John Koehler regarding a small concrete pad for it.
1.5	Park Fence Painting: Mark received itemized quotes for individual portions to help with budgeting and prioritizing. Repairs are also needed, and there is a quote received for \$20k for the repairs. Loretta noted that the Service Department has made some minor repairs since the last meeting. It was also noted that some fence will be disturbed for the installation of the sewer line for the Learning Center.

	Dog Park Updates
2.1	Great Pupkin Parade: Lori advised that planning is on track. The following are needs: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lori stated she is short about 10 volunteers. 2. Water/soda are needed. Several offered to bring some for the event. 3. We will need some trash cans. Loretta noted that the Service Department has some. 4. If anyone has a canopy, bring it to the event in case needed. 5. We will need 11 tables and 16-20 chairs from the Township Building. <p>The hayrides will be free. There will be a suggested donation. Lori will take care of bringing cash to make change.</p>
2.2	Potential Holiday Pet Photo Fundraiser: Greg Matulionis has experience in doing Holiday pet photo fundraisers and he brought some examples. We need a place to hold it. Potential locations discussed: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Locust Corner Elementary. Mark Cann will reach out to them.

	<p>2. Knights of Columbus by Joe Kidd Dodge was mentioned as a potential.</p> <p>The group discussed Saturday, December 7, from 9am-3pm as the potential date. We would need access to the space to set up on Friday night.</p>
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	Other Business
4.1	<p>Clermont County Park Association Update:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Randy advised that there will be a grant writing seminar offered in January. 2. Randy and Darlene attended the trail seminary on 10/1/19, which was put on by Jim Meyer at Cincinnati Nature Center. 3. Randy advised that the association will schedule 3 seminars in 2020.
4.2	<p>Gardens at the Park:</p> <p>Randy and Darlene advised that the butterfly garden at the message board is not in a good location due to lack of a water source as well as foot traffic. It was suggested that it be moved to the new Learning Center as there will be water available.</p>
4.3	<p>Fall Work Day:</p> <p>The work day is still scheduled for Saturday, November 16, from 9am-12pm. This should be posted to Facebook in mid-October. Dan Newyear has already reached out to UC for volunteers.</p>
4.4	<p>History Trail (part of the OKI grant project):</p> <p>George will reach out to Distinctive Signs to design a prototype for the plaques/signs. We need to identify more content for Pierce Township history. George has two resources at this point; the Amelia Library, and Greg Roberts who is a historian in New Richmond. Loretta mentioned that there is some information regarding old one room school houses in Pierce Township.</p>

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, November 6, 2019, 6:30pm

Minutes prepared by: Doug Dresie