



Minutes

May 20, 2019

Location: Wilhelmina Park

Park Committee Members: V. Michel Price, President | Bill Walker, Vice President | Kim Sippy, Treasurer | Laurie Ballenger, Secretary | Dave Lintner, local native plants/invasive plants expert

Liberty Township Parks Liaison: Rick Plummer absent.

Call to order: 6:00pm with Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present - Michel Price, Laurie Ballenger, David Lintner, Kim Sippy. Bill Walker absent. Currently 3 seats are open.

Introduction of Guests: No guests at beginning of meeting; Susan Smith, resident of Panther Run, joined at 7pm.

Ratify April Minutes: amended minutes ratified, unanimous.

Treasury Report: no change.

Township Liason Report: no report until Rick present.

New Park Business: no new business.

Continuing Parks Business:

- School of Fish June 15 planning going well. Volunteers are Michel and her family, Bill and Laurie with Dave on stand-by. The Township will provide crew, bait and lunch. Kim will share the materials she used last year for a successful registration process. Michel will arrange goodie bags with info and treats for a sticker raffle.
- Fourth of July Parade Parks Float – Michel and Kim are looking into treats to hand out.
- The Committee looks forward to helping celebrate new Township events for this year: On Sept 7th, the Historical Society with the Fitton Center and some Butler Co MetroParks members are collaborating to create an event involving the cabin at Dudley Woods and an art auction. Plans for the 20th Anniversary Celebration for Ft. Liberty Playland in September are moving along.
- The Bob Henn Wildflower Walk was only lightly attended. Attending Committee members discussed the possibility that it did not get full promotion since Chuck's passing and the changing of the park from MetroParks responsibility. Bill will make sure it makes the MetroParks promotion calendar next year if Bob is willing.

Work Days Subcommittee (Dave and Bill; Laurie – refreshments):

- Dave reports that Susan Smith helped organize the May 4th Allen Park to clean out and mulch the butterfly gardens and newly planted trees around the gazebo. Susan did an amazing job weeding the beds before the other volunteers arrived. Dave and his family, Laurie, Bill and Susan and her husband were able to get the beds in order. Everyone but Laurie continued after the allotted time to remove honeysuckle and other invasive growth from the area around the bridge to the Prairie.
- The Garlic Mustard Volunteer event was only lightly attended, although a high school student needing service hours and a letter did come to help.
- Dave would like to have a broader discussion about the possibility of not scheduling some events if we get continued low response.

Guest Discussions: Susan Smith 7pm – Allen Park and Prairie area concerns

1 - Q: Who will maintain the Heritage Girl Butterfly Garden at Allen Park?

A: No arrangement was made with the Township after the approval of the project. So, no one is assigned.

2 - Observed that the Gazebo and picnic tables need maintenance.

3 - Concern that concrete waste from development and metal waste from a farm dump(?) is clogging up the creek behind the Prairie, leaching into the water.

4 - There are tree falls clogging up the creek and causing stagnant pools and flooding in yards.

5 - Q: Who takes care of the trees around the entrance to Allen Park, the island and the edges of the parking areas?

A: Committee members not sure, will ask Rick.

Adjournment: 7:30pm - 1st – Laurie, 2nd – Kim. Early adjournment to walk the park.

Future Meetings: June 17 Dudley Memorial Park; if inclement weather meeting will be held at the Service Center.

Tentative locations for other meetings: July 15/Cherokee, August 19/Fort Liberty Playland



Liberty Township Parks Fund

Fund Statement: January 1, 2019 - February 6, 2019

Ms. Kristen Bitonte
 Liberty Township
 7162 Liberty Centre Dr.
 Suite A
 Liberty Twp., OH 45069

Fund Activity

<i>Balance as of 01/01/2019</i>	<i>3,610.36</i>
Donor Contributions	615.76
Investment Activity	
Interest & Dividends	0.00
Investment Growth	0.00
Disbursements	
Grants	0.00
Other Expenses	0.00
Fund Administrative Fee	0.00
Total Expenses	0.00
Miscellaneous Transfers	0.00
<i>Balance as of 02/06/2019</i>	<i>4,226.12</i>

Detail

CONTRIBUTIONS:

Donor	Date	Amount
Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Rumpke	01/10/2019	615.76
*** Total Gifts:		615.76