



Liberty Township Parks Committee

Minutes

July 15, 2019

Location: Service Center (Yankee Rd); Cherokee location canceled for rain

Park Committee Members: V. Michel Price, President | Bill Walker, Vice President | Kim Sippy, Treasurer | Laurie Ballenger, Secretary | Dave Lintner | Paul Dittman |

Liberty Township Parks Liaison: Rick Plummer (absent). Trustee Christine Matacic present.

Call to order: 6:03pm with Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present – Michel, Bill, Dave, Paul, Laurie. Kim absent. Currently 5 seats are open.

Introduction of Guests: Christine Matacic, Trustee

Ratify Minutes, previous meeting: amended minutes ratified, Dave 1st, Paul 2nd ; unanimous in favor.

Treasury Report: Kim sent by email - Quarterly Report attached. All Buddy cards have been sold.

Township Liason Report: no report until Rick present.

Guest discussion – Christine:

Christine fielded questions on the history and activities of FLIPR (the inactive non-profit group started by Christine for the parks years ago). We discussed the importance of either re-starting it, or letting interested parties form a new group in the future best interest of the parks.

New Parks Business:

- Reminder to members that next year's 2020 Parks activities spending requests, or “keep current numbers” statements are due in August to Rick.
- Michel was interested to know if the recently published township parks marketing survey statistics included just clicks, or actual choices, i.e. verified rsvp to an event. Bill suggested further distinctions by the township would be helpful.
- Michel will email invitations to other potential new Parks Committee members.

Continuing Parks Business:

- Fourth of July Parade Parks Float – Michel thanked Bill, Dave and Dave's family for their participation this year. We all thanked Michel and her family. There were lots of wonderful handmade details on this year's float. We will need to ask for a larger candy expense allowance for next year. Bill took great photos.

- Christine suggested any time the Committee hands out treats for any event they should be tagged or labeled with a message.
- The Thank You cookie gift to the fire department for their help with School of Fish was delivered by Michel.
- The Committee discussed the status of the new Dudley Memorial Park shelter and the future placement of a memorial bench for Chuck planned nearby, probably on a path to the new shelter. Dave is planning an oak tree planting at the bench site.
- Cherokee Park Butterfly Walk on Saturday. Bill cannot make it so Dave will run it. He may be able to contact local experts.

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

- Dave and Bill will compare their lists of public contacts of interested potential volunteers to consolidate the contact list for future work days notices.
- No new dates scheduled yet. Refer to June minutes for ideas about next year's work days; some useful concepts to expand the program involving corporations and youth organizations.

Other Discussion:

- Dave reports the “squatter” in Cherokee Park still there.
- Dave reports Allen Park Prairie still has a Johnson grass problem and will ask Rick for help. Dave will ask Rick about a different mowing tool.

Other Parks-related events:

- Sept 7 - Heritage Days event at Dudley Woods organized by the Liberty Township Historical Society in collaboration with the Township, the Fitton Center, Butler County MetroParks, and others, will feature candle making, a Southern Circle Native American music demonstration, an antique tools and blacksmithing display by Bob Schutte, pioneer children's games by YMCA/Camp Campbell Gard, and a silent auction of local barn paintings by a local artist to benefit the Historical Society.
- Sept 14 - 20th Anniversary of the Fort Liberty Playland is still in the planning stages. Rick Titus is working on the contacts. The celebration will include a talk by Christine, a memory photo album display, cookies and other refreshments, games and the unsealing of the buried time capsule.

Adjournment: 7:37pm; 1st – Bill, 2nd – Dave; unanimous in favor.

Next Meeting: August 19 at 6pm, Fort Liberty Playland; if inclement weather meeting will be held at the Service Center.

Other Meetings: 6pm - September 16, October 21, and November 18 will be held in the Service Center off Yankee Rd. A December meeting or other gathering TBD.



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