



Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2019

Location: Ft Liberty Playland

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

Call to order: 6:01pm with Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Treasury Report: Kim absent, no known changes; refer to previous reports attached.

Introduction of Guests: Ted Sitchanoff and Cleo Kum; prospective members.

Township Liason Report – Rick:

- More Turnbridge park area development continues this week.
- Parks trails will be re-marked.
- The gravel parking shared by Liberty Park and the YMCA has been paved.
- The new Dudley Memorial shelter is about 60% finished. Plans are being made to hold a dedication for the shelter to name it after Chuck Holliday, along with the installation of the memorial bench and a tree planting by the Parks Committee.

Guest Discussion:

- Ted Sitchanoff and Cleo Kum each read out their prepared biographies and statements of interest about the parks. Each was given the opportunity to ask questions.
- The Committee voted unanimously to recommend both prospective members to the Township.

New Parks Business:

- 2020 Parks Committee activities spending requests discussed with Rick.
- Articles of Purpose – addendum addressing Expenditures/Parks Revenue and Expense Details. Clarification of financial matters (petty cash, Parks fund, Dudley Memorial).

Continuing Parks Business/ Updates:

- Midwest Native Plant Conference – Dave was the sole Parks representative this year due to overwhelming demand for tickets. He reported several topics covered in the seminars he attended that are relevant to Committee interests, including placement of bluebird houses, using hand lenses during Nature Walks, creating a seed collection from the Native Plant Nursery, and a warning about invasive Chinese jumping worms. He participated in a field trip to Huffman Prairie to learn more about what it takes to maintain prairies in Ohio.
- Miami to Miami Trails Committee liasons Michel and Bill report that the Township is very active in acquiring grants to help connect the trail sections that will run through Liberty Township. Mason and Monroe are cooperating to make sure their connections will match up and allow room for bikes where possible. The direction of the Trail through Liberty Township is TBD.
- Fall Festival Parks Committee booth – Sept 28 – Paul, Cleo, and Ted will be available to staff the booth. Dave will bring native plants from the Cherokee nursery for a raffle and maybe for sale. Bill will be out of town. Michel, Kim, Laurie are 'maybes' for now.
- Heritage Days Sept 7– Bill gave update. Committee vote – a \$25 restaurant gift card will be given to the Southern Singers in appreciation for their participation. Laurie 1st , Dave 2nd ; unanimous.
- Michel is continuing to discuss possible Committee participation in a Creek Clean-Up in Cherokee with Lyn White of the BCEO. She is also exploring other Butler County events such as a Rain Barrel Demo and a Fossil Hunt with Lyn for next year.
- Nature Walks - Dave reported that the Butterfly Walk at Cherokee was not well attended. The Tree Walk at Dudley Woods attracted a small crowd. Issues of using social media to gauge possible interest and attendance at events were discussed.

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

- No new discussion.

Other Parks-related events:

- Creek Walks at Dudley Woods - Lyn White - August 24 – 9-11 adults/teens, 11-12p kids
- Last Yoga in the Parks for the season Sept 12 at Dudley Memorial 6-7 pm
- 20th Anniversary Celebration Ft. Liberty Playland Sept 14 11-3p

Adjournment: 7:43pm; 1st – Bill, 2nd – Dave; unanimous in favor.

Next Meeting: Sept 16 at 6pm, at the Service Center.

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



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