Park Committee Minutes:  March 5th 2019

Call to Order:  6:00 pm

In Attendance:  Melissa Heagy, Karen Trempus and Doug Roth.  Scott Gumto asked to be excused.

Sympathy to Karen for the loss of John, he will be missed.

Approve Minutes 04-03-18:  Motion Melissa, Second Karen, motion approved

Old Business:

Storage Building construction is to begin Monday March 11.  Cleary Buildings was low bid. The Road Dept has been doing site preparation, but the weather has hampered the operation.

Thanks to Melissa and Scott for a great job at the Community Day event.  Melissa reports that the next Community Day meeting will be March 13th at 6:00 pm.  It will be held at the Township Building.

New Business:

Bob Pilat asked not to be reinstated for another term, thanks to Bob for his service.  The Committee will start looking for a replacement for Bob.

Penn Township has hired a person to clean the restroom on a weekly basis during the summer months, and on a monthly basis during the winter

Scout projects completed.   Eric Mock completed the flag pole and pads for the bike rack and trash receptacles.  Mitch Sober completed the pavilion in Renfrew Park.  Nathaniel Becker completed tree planting and benches at the gazebo.

 Domed covers were ordered and and are in place on the trash receptacles to keep rain water out.

 The Township received a cash donation from Carol and Harvey Gumto, a tree donation from Melanie Sternby, and a donation from the Weir family for 2 benches and trees.

Doug and Linda Zerfoss met with Jim Feath, Lance Welliver and Wendy Leslie to discuss phase II.  There are areas that the Township will be able to use CDBG monies.  A revised master plan will have to be submitted. A plan sketch was given to committee members for comments.

The donor plaques are not holding up, and neither is the locust post that they go on.  The Road Crew pulled a couple posts to move trees and there was significant rotting of the wood.  The plastic emblems are fading and warping.  Doug wants to look into finding something that will work better and last a lot longer.

A bench plaque for the Park Committee was placed on a playground bench for appreciation of the time spent attending meetings and discussing Park issues.

Penn Township has agreed to enter into a grant application with Butler County and The Audubon to apply for a walking / bike trail connecting the Nature Park with the Airport and Harcrest Park.  Jim Bonner of the Audubon will do the writing and submitting of the grant application on behalf of the Township and County.

Meeting dates for 2019 are as follows.  March 5th, May 7th, August 5th, and October 8th all at 6:00 pm.

Other Business:

The committee discussed the location of the dog park and areas for secondary succession.

Melissa asked if the Township could look into allowing a dirt trail for mountain bikes.  An area was discussed in the west central part of the park.

Next Meeting:  May 7th at 6:00 pm.  The meeting will be held at the new storage building at Harcrest Park.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion Karen, Second Melissa, motion approved.  6:35 pm.

Submitted by Doug Roth