

Park Committee Minutes: Feb. 2nd 2016

Call to Order: 6:00 pm at Penn Township Municipal Bldg.

In Attendance: Bob Pilat, Melissa Walter Heady, Karen Trempus, Doug Roth and resident John Trempus

Motion to Approve Minutes from Nov. 3rd 2016: Motion Bob, 2nd Karen motion passes

Old Business:

DCNR Grant: Doug reports that Penn Township was selected to receive a matching grant for \$270,000.00 from the State DCNR. There are many questions that need to be asked, and suggested that the committee proceed with "phase 1". Doug is going to try and meet with Gary Pinkerton before next meeting. Melissa suggests we look to the County Prison work release program for help.

Hartzell Pavilion: Hartzell pavilion is nearly complete; however the concrete cracked in two places through the sonnet tubes. Not a big deal, but should be sealed up. Doug will look into purchasing a swing for the pavilion.

Scout Projects: The horse shoe pits are done, and look great. There hasn't been much activity on the old gazebo lately.

KLH: Doug has emailed Veronica Bennett about the status of the permits. She said the Army Corp permit won't be needed, but the NPDES permit will be required. She suggests we follow up with elimination of the road around the pond.

New Business:

Donations: Carol and Harvey Gumto, Jim and Melissa Mahan, and the Weir Family all contributed to the park.

Trees from Lowes: Doug contacted Lowes employees about the trees that we received last year; a lot of them died and will need replaced. Doug inquired if there would be any trees available this year to replace the ones that died.

Hazelnut Bushes: Doug suggested the committee looks into hazelnut bushes; they are very environmentally friendly and would make a nice border. Bob suggested we get some larger trees too, and mix up the trees and bushes.

Bike Trail: Melissa is still working on presenting an off road bike trail. She is going to walk the park and try and map something out to submit for approval.

Other Business:

Bob questions why he was told that major changes could not be made when he wanted to add a trail, and now we are talking about eliminating the road. Doug and Karen told Bob that when the master plan was approved, the park committee at the time was told by HRG Engineers that they could not make major changes. KLH Engineer says that changes can be made. Doug will look into it further.

Bob passes out a 2016 priorities list that he would like the committee to look over. The committee thanks him and will make suggestions to the list. Bob runs down through the list of 16 actions that could be taken.

Melissa asks if anyone contacted the Township about placing a football field on the property for the Saxonburg Spartans. Doug said that he hadn't heard anything and would discourage a football field.

Other conversations included the bidding process, and if the committee should be looking to businesses for naming rights to the pavilions.

Adjournment: 6:54 pm

Next Meeting: March 3rd 2016 at 6:00 pm.

Submitted by Doug Roth