

Rescheduled
Freedom Park Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 29, 2014
6:00pm

Start Time: 6:00p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

President Alice Dahl led members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present:

Alice Dahl, Harold Mussman and Randy Hall were present. Board Member Robert Philpot was unable to attend. Also present, Tom Sullivan and Candy Johnson.

Press member Lola Jean Brink of the Lowell Tribune was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict.

Election of Officers:

Alice Dahl made the motion to nominate Randy Hall Chairperson of the Freedom Park Board. There were no other nominations. The motion was seconded by Harold Mussman. Motion carried 3/0.

Alice Dahl then made a motion to nominate Harold Mussman Executive Secretary of the Freedom Park Board. There were no other nominations. The motion was seconded by Randy Hall. Motion carried 3/0.

At his point the gavel was turned over to 2014 Freedom Park Board Chairperson Randy Hall.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the November 2013 minutes was made by Alice Dahl and seconded by Harold Mussman. There was no discussion and the motion carried 3/0.

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Review of Freedom Park Claims:

After review of the Freedom Park claims, motion to accept claims was made by Alice Dahl and seconded by Randy Hall. Motion carried 3/0

Reports

Freedom Park Updates:

Tom advised that it has been a challenge to keep the roads to the bark park and the sled hill passable for traffic. With the wind out of the wind blowing in from the west, and the snow being so light the roads close up pretty quickly. Alice suggested that when snows are heavy, we post a sign at the entrance saying that the bark park is closed. Discussion followed.

In other business, Tom advised that the "Crossroads of Indiana Marathon" will be held on Sunday April 27th. In the past Freedom Park has received a donation, however, this year Frank Johnson is also planning a "fundraiser" event out at Freedom Park. Frank advised that all funds that are raised during this "fun run" fundraiser will go directly to Freedom Park.

Tom also advised that we have a scout who is a member of Troop 356 who is pursuing his "Eagle Scout" badge. He will be coming to the office to speak about possible project ideas. Tom suggested that a possible project might be providing "signage" out at Freedom Park, especially the area near the disc golf course.

Tom also advised his is going to be meeting with the superintendent of Schererville Parks Department. He will be meeting with him to look at the battery operated "swipe system" that they have at their bark park. This would be a much more cost effective system for the bark park and, much more efficient then the current lock and key system that we have at our park.

Tom said that the buildings at Freedom Park are all doing good, no problems. Alice asked Tom about resubmitting the Dean & Barbara White grant, Tom advised that we did receive a letter from the "foundation" stating that they were not awarding any more grants in 2013 however, we will re-submit for 2014.

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Old Business:

Dog Park Update

2014 current membership: 11

2014 revenue: \$465.00

Walk/Bike Path Update:

Tom advised that the walk/bike path is close to being done. Tom feels that we should have enough gravel to complete the path on the other side of the creek. He advised that once spring arrives he will have a clearer picture on the project.

Volleyball Update:

Tom advised the volleyball courts are still a work in progress. He also advised that the Lions Club had requested a "wish list" for Freedom Park. Tom said that he has submitted several ideas. He did add the volleyball courts to this list, but feels that he will be able to complete the courts this year.

New Business:

None

Announcements & Correspondence:

Next meeting of the Freedom Park Board will be Tuesday, February 18 at 6:00pm at the Lowell Town Hall.

Public Comment:

None

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn made by Alice Dahl and seconded by Harold Mussman at 6:20pm.

Respectfully submitted by Park Secretary Candy Johnson

