

Freedom Park Board Meeting

July 15, 2014

6:00pm

Start Time: 6:00p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Executive Secretary Harold Mussman led members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present:

Board Members Randy Hall, Harold Mussman, Alice Dahl and Robert Philpot were present. Guest Sara Pierce was present. Also present, Tom Sullivan, Candy Johnson. Press member Lola Jean Brink of the Lowell Tribune was also present.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the June 2014 minutes was made by Alice Dahl and seconded by Harold Mussman. At this point Robert Philpot stated that in the June minutes it was written that the cost to gravel the entire roadway would be approximately \$5000.00. Mr. Philpot stated he stated that is not what he said. He said he had stated that a very inaccurate estimate of \$5000.00 would partially cover the roadway where needed. Mr. Philpot requested that this information reflected in the July 15, 2014 minutes. Mr. Philpot made the motion to include this information to the July 2014 minutes. The motion was seconded by Randy Hall.

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Review Freedom Park Claims:

After review of claims submitted at the June 23, 2014 and July 14, 2014 Council Meetings, the motion to approve was made by Alice Dahl and seconded by Harold Mussman. There was no discussion and the motion carried 4/0.

Reports:

Freedom Park Updates

Superintendent Sullivan stated that we have a group of boy scouts who are in the process of assembling thirteen (13) benches. The benches are going to be very nice.

The grounds out at Freedom Park will be "rolled" this coming week. There are several areas scheduled to be rolled including the area where the circus will be set up.

Freedom Park is finally up to date with mowing. Because of all the rain we have had Tom said that there have been spots that he was not able to get to.

In other business, Tom advised that we have had two (2) people come out and look at our batwing. Neither has gotten back to me, however, one seemed promising.

Freedom Park has received a 1-ton dump truck from the Town. Having this truck will be so helpful. Tom advised he will be able to haul mulch and dirt and actually dump it where needed rather than work out of the pickup.

Having this truck will be a great asset out here.

The garage door opener has been installed.

Alice asked what the results of the water testing at Freedom Park were.

Mr. Philpot advised that he had spoken with Greg Shook. Two tests were run, one for outside and the other inside the house. His understanding was that the well passed and the house flunked. Then they reran the house water and it passed. So both have passed and can be used. Mr. Philpot advised that he would double check with Mr. Shook.

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Old Business:

Alice asked about the status of the volleyball courts at Freedom Park. Tom advised that he is almost done with the path and actually, there is not a lot of cost for supplies that will be needed for the courts. We just need to make arrangements to get the equipment out here and then hauling the dirt out that was moved. Tom advised that we have a limited staff and hours are always a concern. A brief discussion followed.

New Business:

Superintendent Sullivan announced that this is Park Secretary Candy Johnson's last meeting. She will be retiring on July 31st.

In other new business Tom showed the Freedom Park Board a picture of the new "Park Office" sign that has been donated by the Lowell Lions Club. The new sign will replace the one that Superintendent Sullivan made by hand several years ago. A motion was made by Robert Philpot to send a thank you to the Lions. A thank you will be sent to the Lions showing our appreciation.

Robert Philpot advised that he needed to state that this last meeting discussion on the gravel road, that gravel road is an item and an entity onto itself. It is not tied to any event out there, past, present or future. When you re-gravel that road at Freedom Park, it is done because it needs it, not because of an event that may be held out at Freedom Park.

Discussion followed with Alice Dahl asking about our Freedom Park budget and the funds that may be available for use in the Park Gift Fund. Tom advised that he would check with the Clerk Treasurer, however, he does feel that certain funds would be available for use by Freedom Park.

Discussion followed about funds that could be available to purchase gravel for the Freedom Park roadway. Mr. Philpot suggested that we get an accurate estimate of the cost to re-gravel. The Board also discussed other

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options such as "grading". Tom reported we had done this before and it greatly improved the roads. The Board decided to go with "grading" of the roads first, then if needed pursue the purchase of additional gravel. Tom also reported that Gregg Shook has offered some assistance as far as the entrance where the paved road drops off into the gravel. He was going to see if the Street Department can come in with a piece of equipment does a "chip & seal" procedure that decreases the drop off where pavement meets the gravel. This would help where the blacktop is breaking away because of the drop between the blacktop and the gravel. Discussion followed.

Bark Park Stats:

Candy Johnson announced that as of July 15, we have 76 Bark Park members and total revenue in the amount of \$3905.00.

Candy also advised that a lady who lives near Moose Park came in to the office asking if Moose Park was on the list to receive new playground equipment. She advised that Moose Park is used and enjoyed by neighborhood children. It has been many years since any new equipment has gone in and the piece of equipment that is wood has been there for at least 35 years.

Alice asked who takes care of Moose Park. Tom advised that the Street Department is responsible for maintenance. He suggested that she take her request to a Town Council Meeting.

Announcements & Correspondence:

The next meeting of the Freedom Park Board will be on Tuesday August 19, 2014 at the Lowell Town Hall.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn made by Harold Mussman with a second by Robert Philpot at 6:30p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Park Secretary Candy Johnson