



**Freedom Park Committee
Members**

Randy Hall
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Freedom Park Board

Harold Mussman
West Creek Township
Executive Secretary
Freedom Park Board

LeAnn Angerman
Freedom Park Board
Lowell Town Council

Alice Dahl
Cedar Creek Township
Freedom Park Board

Tom Sullivan
Park Superintendent

FREEDOM PARK

Freedom Park Meeting Minutes
Tuesday December 15, 2015
6:00p.m.

Start Time 6:00p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Board Members Present:

Randy Hall, LeAnn Angerman and Alice Dahl. Harold Mussman and Candy Johnson were unable to attend. Park Superintendent Tom Sullivan was present. Also present, Dorothy Eich and Belia Farver of the Lowell Women's Club. No press members were present.

Approval of Minutes:

Because there was no meeting in November, the Freedom Park Board moved to approve the October meeting minutes. Motion to approve was made by Alice Dahl and seconded by LeAnn Angerman. Motion carried 3/0

Review Freedom Park Claims:

Because there was no November meeting, a motion to approve the November and December 2015 claims was made was made by LeAnn Angerman and seconded by Randy Hall. Discussion followed.

Reports:

Freedom Park Updates:

Tom advised that he has been assembling the kiosk that Ron and Luan Brown donated to Freedom Park. Tom advised that (2) pieces of the kiosk were missing, however, he was able to order the missing pieces and weather permitting, should be able to get the kiosk installed by the end of the year.

In other business, Tom advised that we have all the trees mulched in the park, which looks really nice. Also the rubber mulch is in around

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the playground equipment. The bathrooms have been closed and winterized. In other business, the outside water has been turned off in the parks.

Tom advised that currently he is working on the front porch at the park office. During the last big wind storm a part of the "freeze board" along with the "aluminum trim" that goes over it (the half moon shaped porch on the front) had been blown off the front porch. Tom is in the process of making those repairs himself. Tom also said the metal divider in the men's room was damaged. Someone kicked the divider down and broke off the supporting brackets. Tom advised he was able to purchase the parts to make the necessary repairs.

Alice asked if the security cameras at Freedom Park cover the washrooms. Tom said that he re-wound the security tape but not able to locate anything. Tom said that with the camera we have, if enough information is recorded, eventually some footage will be covered over by other images so that particular episode may have been covered by other recorded events. In other business, Tom reported that he is in the process of having the keys made for the 2016 Bark Park passes. At the beginning of the year approximately 100 keys will be purchased. If all 100 keys are sold, more will be purchased.

Dog Park Updates:

Under dog park updates, Tom reported revenue will remain the same since membership declines to "Zero" towards the end of the year. People are waiting to register their pets for 2016.

Volleyball Court Update:

There has not been any progress with the proposed volleyball courts. Tom advised that he has not been able to line anyone up to do the ground work. Alice Dahl proposed that we contact Donnie Huseman. He would provide a price quote and then complete the ground work for the proposed volleyball courts.

Walking Path:

Discussion followed with regard to work that needs to be done on the walking path.

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Tom reported that the Boy Scouts would like to hold their "Klondike Camping Event" out at Freedom Park. The scheduled date for the camp out is Friday January 8th through Sunday January 10th. They will have their own porta-pot and bring their own potable water. They are asking permission to hold their event at Freedom Park. LeAnn Angerman asked approximately how many boys would be attending this event. Tom advised that the campers are from all over, not just Lowell. LeAnn asked if there have been any problems in the past. Tom advised that if there is snow, he will plow the entrance so they can get into the park. Randy Hall then made a motion to permit the event be held in Freedom Park. The motion was seconded by LeAnn Angerman. The motion carried.

Announcements & Correspondence:

Dorothy Eich and Belia Farver of the Lowell Women's Club were present to talk about the Barktoberfest that was held out at the Freedom Bark Park in October. They advised that the Barktoberfest had made a \$1500.00 profit. These funds were divided equally between the American Cancer Society, The Lowell Women's Club and Freedom Park. Each organization received \$500.00. Also, the Women's Club presented Tom with a metal sponsorship sign for the sponsor board that is out at Freedom Bark Park. Discussion followed about the Freedom Park budget and how the \$500.00 monetary gift will be utilized. After discussion, the decision was made to designate the \$500.00 gift for Freedom Park. The funds will be utilized where needed the most at Freedom Park. Discussion followed about the history of the Freedom Bark Park. Discussion then followed about the scheduling of the 2nd Annual Barktoberfest for 2016. LeAnn suggested that the ladies wait until the first of the year to schedule their event at the Freedom Bark Park. Belia agreed that they will attend the January Freedom Park meeting to request the 2016 Barktoberfest date.

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At this point Randy Hall requested that the date of the January Freedom Park meeting be changed since he will be out of Town at that time. LeAnn Angerman also will not be able to attend the January meeting because of an upcoming conference. Discussion followed with Tom advising that he will be attending the annual IPRA Convention in mid January. The date of the January meeting will be determined as soon as possible. After discussion, LeAnn Angerman made the motion to change the scheduled January 19, 2016 Freedom Park Meeting to January 12, 2016 at 6:00p.m. The motion was seconded by Randy Hall. Motion carried 4/0.

New Business:
None

Public Comment:
None

Adjournment:
The motion to adjourn made by Randy Hall with a second by LeAnn Angerman at 6:40p.m.