



Freedom Park Board
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Freedom Park Board
Lowell Town Council

Alice Dahl
Cedar Creek Township
Freedom Park Board

Tom Sullivan
Park Superintendent

FREEDOM PARK

Freedom Park Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 21, 2015

Meeting Start Time: 6:00p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Board Members Present:

Randy Hall, Harold Mussman and LeAnn Angerman. Alice Dahl was unable to attend due to a meeting conflict. Also present, Robin Johnston of the Lowell Tribune, Tom Sullivan and Candy Johnson.

Approval of April 21, 2015 meeting minutes:

Randy Hall asked if everyone had an opportunity to review the March minutes. After review, the motion to approve the March minutes was made by LeAnn Angerman and seconded by Harold Mussman.

Review of Freedom Park Claims:

Park Secretary Candy Johnson reviewed Freedom Park claims with the Board. There were no questions and motion to approve was made by Harold Mussman and seconded by LeAnn Angerman. Motion carried 3/0.

Reports

Freedom Park Updates:

Tom advised that he is cutting once again. All the buildings are in good shape. Tom also reported that Girl Scout Troops 526 and 274 have made eight (8) benches with 3 more benches to come. They are very nice, very well made and beautiful.

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Superintendent Report Continued:

Tom stated we will be able to set the benches around the new volleyball court(s) and provide seating for spectators. Tom also advised that the benches will be set in concrete to prevent them from be removed. LeAnn requested that thank you notes be sent to each Girl Scout Troop.

Bark Park Updates:

Candy Johnson advised that there are currently fifty (50) bark park members.

A financial report will be provided at the next Freedom Park Meeting.

Volleyball Court Update:

Tom reported that equipment for the courts totaled \$2566.64. Items included the posts, ground sleeves and nets. The sand came to about \$3,056.00. This amount will provide coverage for the two 100' x 100' volleyball courts. The sand is from the Aggregate Stone Facility which also deals with sand. The \$3,056.00 will cover the cost to provide two courts. Tom advised that these are definitely the two items that we are going to need the appropriations for. Also, Judy just received budget approval from "down state" on Monday morning for the 2015 budget. Tom advised that he is looking at the second week in May, weather permitting, for work to begin on the courts. Tom has volunteer help lined up from the "Masons, Harding's and Ronson's.

There was no other discussion.

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Randy Hall advised that he had an update on the walking path. He advised that he has both good and bad news. The good news being that we can have all the material that we want. The bad news is that the transportation cost is going to be more than anticipated, \$10.75 per ton multiply that by twenty, which would be \$215.00 per truck load. Discussion followed with regard to how soon Tom can be ready to accept delivery of the material. Tom advised that he needs to compile a list of volunteers since we have approval to go ahead with this project and the Masons are ready to work with Freedom Park on this project. The Masons will see among themselves what small equipment is available for use on this project. Tom also advised that the local heavy equipment dealers are on board to help as equipment becomes available. Both equipment dealers donate the equipment free of charge for Mason operators to use. Leann asked for a start date for this project. After discussion, a June start date was chosen, depending on the weather of course. Harold asked how many truck loads would need to be purchased. (Path would be 4" thick, 8' wide, 3 miles in length, with enough left for the parking lot, so about 2,200 tons of materials.) Discussion followed about how much material would be delivered at a time, and, the need to place a "silt" fence around the path material as it is delivered. This is only necessary prior to the laying of the path. (The fencing keeps any contaminants from spreading.) Harold Mussman asked what needs to be done to get ready to put down the walking path. Harold feels that if the path could be put down as it is delivered; this would save great deal of time and eliminate the need for "silt" fencing. Harold asked who will deliver the materials. Randy advised that security is very tight and the trucking firm is chosen by "Mittal", he thinks Phoenix Trucking will deliver.

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LeAnn asked the cost of the volleyball posts only, excluding the cost of the sand which would be \$2,566.64.

Randy Hall advised that Freedom Park was appropriated \$7,000.00 for Park Improvement. \$5,000.00 is going into Repair and Maintenance. It is not necessary to move the \$5,000.00 into repair and Maintenance so Judy Walters needs a motion from the Freedom Park Board to move the \$5,000.00 into the Park Improvement. The total Park Improvement amount would then be \$12,000.00.

The motion to move the \$5,000.00 into Park Improvement was made by LeAnn Angerman and seconded by Harold Mussman. The motion carried.

Dog Park Agility items:

Tom advised that the agility items to be purchased for the Bark Park will be deducted from Park Gift. 2 adjustable "jumping stations" will be purchased for the large and small dog area. Discussion followed.

New Business:

Tree Estimates:

(This is for the tree that is close to the office on the southeast side.)

Tom advised that he has two (2) estimates, One from T&T, and the other from C&E Tree Service. The estimate is for cutting only. Estimates came in at \$600.00 and \$650.00. Tom advised that he will reach out to the Scouts for help with the clean up.

After discussion, the motion was made by Randy Hall to have C&E do the work. The motion was seconded by Harold Mussman. Motion carried.

There was no other business. Motion to adjourn made by Harold Mussman and seconded by LeAnn Angerman at 6:21pm.