

Freedom Park Meeting Minutes
Tuesday March 15, 2016
6:00pm

Start Time: 6:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Board Members Present

Randy Hall, Harold Mussman, Leann Angerman and Alice Dahl
Were all present. Also present, Park Superintendent Tom
Sullivan and Park Secretary Candy Johnson.

Quests present from the Lowell Lions Club were Jeff Greco
and Mike Ceiga.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the February 2016 Freedom Park Meeting
minutes was made by Leann Angerman and seconded by Alice
Dahl. Motion carried 4/0.

At this point Leann Angerman passed along information
about the Park Gift Fund. Leann advised that on our Park
Gift information, on page 2 Judy has circled (2) \$50.00
contributions. Those 2 donations were received for the
Bark Park and are in memory of Scott Geisen.

Leann also advised that at last evenings Town Council
Meeting, the Council did a "first reading" for the unspent
2015 Park funds. There will be a second reading at the next
Town Council Meeting. Then Judy will notify the State who
will then make those appropriated funds available to us.

Judy advised Leann that these funds should be available by the April 19 meeting. The amount to be re-appropriated for this year's budget is approximately \$6000.00. There was no other discussion about the re-appropriation process and Leann made the motion to approve the submitted park claims. The motion was seconded by Alice Dahl. Motion carried 4/0.

REPORTS

Freedom Park Updates:

Tom reported that the "privacy wall" that was vandalized last fall in the Freedom Park washroom has been repaired and is ready to be reinstalled. Since the new "Water Tower" will start construction soon, the washrooms will not be available for use by the public during the construction. Leann advised that a water tower design has not been chosen by the Council yet, but will be selected soon. So construction may be a month or two out. Alice asked about the washroom at Freedom Park. Since construction is a month or two out, will the washrooms be open for public use until construction begins. Tom advised that he is not sure what will take place with regard to the washrooms, but he will let everyone know. Leann advised that once the construction fencing goes up, the washrooms will no longer be available for public use. At this point the town will be responsible for providing portable toilets for the public.

Discussion followed with the Townships (Cedar Creek and West Creek) requesting an itemized report of what the Town of Lowell contributes both financially and in manpower towards the operation of Freedom Park. A brief discussion followed with regard to several projects that have been on hold for several years, specifically the volleyball courts and the walking path. Both have been slow to come to fruition out here at Freedom Park. The "Committee" talked about pursuing the effort to contact volunteers before actually pursuing a contractor.

Alice advised that she would go ahead and contact Mr. Huseman and request that he contact Tom to submit a bid for the walking path bid. Randy requested that we have a deadline on rather we can round up volunteers for

these projects. If no one is forthcoming, then Tom would pursue bids for these projects. The Committee set a deadline for acquiring this information for the April 15, 2016 Freedom Park Meeting. Discussion followed.

In other business, Tom advised that all equipment is in good shape and ready to go. Tom advised that he is in the process of hiring a part-time summer employee. Once this person is hired the "kiosk" will go in. Tom advised that there are some jobs he is not able to complete alone, so once this person is hired those tasks will be completed.

Discussion turned to "Disc Golf". Tom advised that he had been contacted by several suppliers who want to promote their business by hanging signage on the "disc golf baskets" Tom advised that there is no expense involved and that manufacturers of disc golf equipment advertise on our "baskets. Discussion followed with regard to the amount of revenue that could be generated by permitting advertising on our existing "disc golf" equipment.

Randy Hall advised that he had recently spoken with Mr. Henderson of Henderson Trucking. He hauled the limestone for us at a discounted price. He is asking to put signage out at Freedom Park. Discussion followed with questions about sign size, location, and would be intended as permanent signage within the park. Randy clarified that he was just looking to advertise. Tom stated he did not have any issues with that the signage. Alice suggested putting another magnetic sign elsewhere in the park where special thanks could be given to people who have given of their time and talents during the ongoing development of Freedom Park. Leann suggested utilizing the new kiosk for that purpose. Randy suggested that we give the OK with the size and location yet to be determined. Alice added that Hardings and Ronson have generously donated the use of their equipment towards the ongoing development of Freedom Park. The Lions Club and others have generously donated. Leann asked if the new kiosk could be used to display signage and thank people for their generosity. The decision was made that the display would be displayed near the entrance of Freedom Park.

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Old Business:
Dog Park Update

Candy Johnson reported that we currently have 48 members and revenue totaling \$2235.00. Tom advised that the solar well will soon be up and running. Alice asked if once the water tower is erected here in Freedom Park, would there be a way to run water to other areas of the park. There would be additional expense involved; therefore, this would not be an option at this time.

The Rotary Club:

The Rotary Club representative came to our last Freedom Park meeting. They had talked about donating a shed style building. This building would be placed near the soccer fields and would be used as a concession stand. Questions that still remain: who is staffing this building, plus, who would pay for the concession supplies. What expense would be involved in maintaining the building, even though it has been donated? Also, what about providing electric and water for the building:

Harold Mussman suggested putting this on hold until the time comes when Little League games are played here at Freedom Park.

Tom suggested that the Freedom Park sign that was taken down by the wind needs to be replaced. Tom is hoping that "The Rotary" might take the new signage for Freedom Park as their project. Tom advised that he would attempt to contact Mr. Forrester with the signage idea. There was no other discussion.

New Business:

The Lowell Lions Club (Mr. Ceiga)

Mr. Mike Ceiga and Jeff Greco were present from The Lowell Lions Club.

The Lions presented Freedom Park with a check in the amount of \$2944.00.

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These funds have been "earmarked" for the purchase of trees and shrubbery for Freedom Park. Sincere thanks given by all present. Photos were taken.

No "Press" was present, however photos were taken.

A brief discussion followed about establishing A "facebook" page for Freedom Park and the need to establish a "social media policy" prior to attempting to establish a facebook page.

The next meeting of the Freedom Park Committee will be Tuesday April 19, 2016 at 6:00p.m. at the Lowell Town Hall.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn made by Randy Hall and seconded by Harold Mussman at 6:48p.m.