

Freedom Park Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 19, 2013
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 Robert Philpot were present. Tom Sullivan and Candy Johnson were also present. Randy Hall was unable to attend this evenings meeting.

Press member Lola Jean Brink of the Lowell Tribune was present.

Guests present: Sara Pierce, Tim Miller, Steve Miller, Jason Salatas and Josh Salatsas.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the February 2013 minutes was made by Robert Philpot and seconded by Harold Mussman. There was no discussion and the motion carried 4/0.

Approval of Claims:

After review, the motion to approve the claims presented at the February 25, 2013 and March 11, 2013 Council Meetings was made by Harold Mussman and seconded by Robert Philpot. There was no other discussion and the motion carried 4/0.

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Reports

Freedom Park Updates:

Tom reported that all equipment has been serviced except for the "batwing", which is next.

The recycle center is doing well. There have not been any problems. Tom reported that he continues to fill potholes. He reported that gravel will be needed on the park roadways and around the recycle center this year.

Tom also reported that he has spoken with the American Legion representatives about the possibility of having a "Farmers Market" here in Lowell on the Legion grounds. They have all the paperwork and seemed to be interested, however he has not heard from them since the meeting.

In other business, Tom reported that he will be meeting with the Lowell Little League this Saturday, March 23rd to discuss future "building" plans.

Tom also reported on the roof on the big barn. Insurance will not cover the cost of a new roof for the barn; however Tom suggested that the 2 smaller buildings that are connected to the big barn are sorely in need of reroofing. Those two buildings are really the only roofs that need immediate attention. Tom advised that he could get quotes on roofing those buildings then have the roofer take a look at the barn roof for future work. Alice told Tom to go ahead and obtain estimates, and then we will make a decision. There was no other discussion.

Dog Park Update:

Candy reported that currently we have 52 members and a total of \$2537.00. They will be having a clean up day this Sunday, weather permitting.

Walk/Bike Path:

Tom said the Street Department was out today and he is hoping they will get started before the end of March.

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Volleyball Court:

Tom is in the process of ordering the posts and nets for this project. Alice asked if the Street Department would be able to scoop out the volleyball court at the same time they are working on the walking path. Alice asked if the sand would come from the Town or would we need to purchase the sand. Tom advised we could use the Town's sand; however, it would need to be replenished. Alice suggested that Tom figure out how much sand will be needed, and then we will see if we can find someone willing to donate the sand that will be needed.

Disc Golf Update:

Alice asked about the disc golf was going. Tom said that he has not seen anyone out playing recently; however he has been working on the possibility of selling "disc golf" T-shirts at the office. Tom advised that he had recently spoken with Matt Stinnett about coming up with a shirt design for us. He did send a few samples and Tom passed them around for Freedom Park members to look over. Alice asked if there was any other discussion. Tom said that he is working on putting the disc golf pads down. He will need to put sand down before the mats go down. Once those mats are down the course will be complete.

New Business

Eagle Scout Presentation:

Scout Master Tim Miller Boy Scout Troop 356 was present. He had three scout members present who are interested in completing eagle projects out here at Freedom Park.

Steve Miller - Steve explained that he would like to make "Purple Martin" houses. Steve explained he would complete this project over the upcoming months and should be completed by spring. The houses would be placed in the nature area of Freedom Park and other parts of the park too. Steve explained that attracting Purple Martins to the area would help reduce the mosquito population out at Freedom Park.

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The houses would be mounted approximately 12' off the ground. Steve presented several designs for the Martin houses and will choose several different designs to build. Members of the Freedom Park Board complimented Steve on his presentation and thanked him for choosing Freedom Park for his Eagle project.

Jason Salatas - Jason introduced himself and explained that he plans digging holes, and planting and mulching trees in predetermined spots throughout Freedom Park. He will also make information signs for each tree. Tom explained that at the end of 2012 the Park purchased 30 trees with Park Gift funds. These are the trees that Jason will be planting. A brief discussion followed.

Josh Salatas - Josh explained that he is interested in building park benches that would be placed throughout Freedom Park for visitors to sit and relax. Josh would like to make 16 benches. He plans on placing the benches 50 to 60 feet apart. Josh asked if members were familiar with the benches at the Lowell Public Library. He advised that his brother had built those benches and that he plans on placing several "backless" benches around the perimeter of the park. The rest of the benches will be placed along the trails within the park and will have "backs" for sitting and resting. Bob asked Josh where he plans on building the benches. He answered that he has tools and supplies in this family garage and will build them there. Bob asked if a few of the benches could be placed around the disc golf area. Jason advised that he would be happy to do that. Alice asked the boys to put their names on each completed project so people would know who completed and donated these projects. A brief discussion followed.

Crossroads Marathon:

Tom advised that this years Crossroads Marathon is scheduled for Sunday April 14th. Once again the race will begin and end at Freedom Park.

Discussion followed.

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Announcements & Correspondence:
None

The next meeting of the Freedom Park Board will be held on Tuesday,
April 16, 2013 at 6:00p.m here at the Lowell Town Hall.

Adjournment:
Motion to adjourn made by Harold Mussman and seconded by Bob Philpot at
6:25p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Candy Johnson, Park Secretary.