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Approval of Claims continued:

Tom repeated that the attorney needed to speak with the Town Council and Mr. Philpot advised that the attorney had not contacted the Council. Bob also advised that the attorney is currently out of Town. A brief discussion followed about what was included in the attorney fee that has been paid. Mr. Philpot then asked for verification about what specific question(s) were asked of the attorney.

Tom advised that the question was about the existing Little League contract and what the process would be to allow termination or revision of the existing contract.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Philpot suggested that Alice contact her attorney with regard to fees concerning Freedom Park.

Brief discussion followed.

Reports:

Freedom Park Updates:

Tom reported that we are in "mowing mode" out at Freedom Park. Disc golf is looking good. Tom advised that the course is being enjoyed even though the "mats" still need to be put in. The new  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile path is almost completed. Alice asked Lola Jean Brink, Lowell Tribune representative to come out and take pictures of the work taking place on the path. Tom was asked to contact Frank about when they would be returning to finish the work on the path. In other business the birdhouses, benches and tree plantings will all be done over the upcoming week end by the Eagle Scouts. Tom advised he is so pleased with the work that the boys have done.

Tom stated that an "additional Appropriation" has been requested for Freedom Park in the amount of \$10,994.00 for Freedom Park Improvements. Discussion followed about improvement needs for Freedom Park. The group discussed extending the walking path farther; the completion of the disc golf course was also discussed. A "fine grade lime stone" will need to be purchased and put down as a 6" base prior to the mats being laid for each basket. Tom also said that stone is certainly needed in places on the roadways in the park.

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Tom also advised that there may be some additional supplies needed for the volley ball courts

Discussion went back to the disc golf course and the preparation for putting down each "tee mat". The group discussed the need to complete the disc golf versus continuing with the walk/bike path. Discussion followed.

Alice asked if there was other discussion. Tom advised that work on the barn roof is ready to be completed. The two smaller roofs on the big barn will be pretty much re-shingled. Tom has received quotes for the work and has selected a contractor. He will be contacting them over the next few days. Tom advised that the volleyball courts will be cut out when the Street Department returns to complete the walking path. We will need to purchase beach sand which is a better grade of sand for the court once it is cut out. There was no other discussion.

Old Business:

Dog Park Update:

Candy Johnson advised there are currently 82 members at the Bark Park and revenue totaling \$4,282.00. Alice then advised that the Bark Park will be donating \$500.00 for Freedom Park.

Walk/Bike Path, Volleyball Court and Disc Golf discussed during Freedom Park updates.

New Business:

Alice asked if there was any new business to come before the Board. Bob Philpot advised that he belongs to an RC Club and this group is looking for a location to safely fly their planes. Mr. Philpot asked if there is a location in Freedom Park that would not interfere with other activities in the park. He explained that some planes are gas operated and some are electric. Most of the planes that would use Freedom Park would be electric. Tom advised that there are no rules against flying model planes in the parks however he would like people to stay off the soccer fields. Tom suggested using the area

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behind the houses. It is a large area and recently been cut. It is a great open area and is a beautiful location to fly planes. Mr. Philpot said that people that belong to "AMA" or American Modelers Association are insured. If a plane would damage a car for example, a member would be covered. A non member would not be covered unless his personal insurance provided this special coverage.

Discussion followed about different ways to regulate people who come out to the park to fly model planes. Mr. Philpot suggested that signage be posted that would direct flyers to a designated area.

Alice asked if the "AMA" currently has a location where they fly. Bob advised that they do. Alice asked how the liability issue is handled at the current location. Extensive discussion followed.

There was also discussion about park hours. The Board feels that all parks should be posted "Open Dawn to Dusk".

Announcements & Correspondence:

Movies in the Park will be showing this Friday evening at dusk. Fridays' movie will be "Everglades of the North".

The next meeting of the Freedom Park Board will be Tuesday June 18, 2013 at 6:00p.m.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn made by Harold Mussman with a second by Randy Hall at 6:20p.m.