

Freedom Park Board Meeting  
Tuesday, June 18, 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. Randy Hall was unable to attend. Tom Sullivan and Candy Johnson were also present. Press member Lola Jean Brink of the Lowell Tribune was present.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion to approve the May 2013 minutes was made by Harold Mussman and seconded by Robert Philpot. There was no discussion and the motion carried 3/0.

**Approval of Claims:**

After review, the motion to approve the claims presented at the May 28<sup>th</sup> & June 10, 2013 Council Meetings was made by Robert Philpot and seconded by Harold Mussman. There was no discussion and the motion carried 3/0.

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Reports:

Freedom Park Updates:

Tom advised that mowing, and bush hogging is an ongoing project this time of the year. The playground mulch is in and spread and looks good. Mulch was really needed. All thirty four (34) newly planted trees are doing really well. The path continues to be worked on. Tom advised that they are filling in the low spots with gravel. Once we know how much gravel we are going to have left, we will plan on working on the path, which extends on to the opposite side of the small creek. Tom also advised that the benches that were donated when the "Recycle Center" went in at Freedom Park will be put together and put out in the park soon. Each bench will be anchored so they can't be moved once they are put in place. Also, Tom reported that he has been speaking with Don Huseman about the work that needs to be done on the main entrance at Freedom Park. Dons' suggestion is to have someone follow the gravel truck and spread the stone as they move along. Tom advised that he will follow up with Mr. Huseman about this project. There was no other discussion and meeting moved on to "Old Business."

Old Business:

Dog Park Update:

Candy reported that the "Bark Park" is doing very well. There are currently 93 members. Two years ago the membership was the largest with 100 members, so we are closing in on that number. Current revenue is \$4942.00.

Walk/Bike path already discussed.

Volley Ball court update:

Tom advised that we are waiting on the volley ball court until the path work is completed.

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Disc Golf Update:

Tom reported disc golf is doing well. We have just finished mowing. We also weed whacked around the disc golf baskets. Alice commented that the flags on the baskets are really torn up. She asked if they could be replaced. Brief discussion followed.

New Business:

Budget Transfers:

Tom advised that he would like to transfer funds within the Freedom Park budget.

Transfer \$1500.00 from Freedom Park Cap Improvement to:  
Account #241 Freedom Park Misc.

Tom also asked that \$1000.00 be transferred into a Freedom Park Part-Time line.

Bob Philpot asked about utilizing people who are required to do community service for the Town of Lowell. Tom advised that in most cases people need to be supervised which takes manpower away from other jobs. After discussion, motion to approve budget transfers was made by Harold Mussman and seconded by Bob Philpot. Motion carried 3/0 followed.

Alice asked if there were any questions. Lola Jean asked the status of the Lowell Little League contract. Alice advised that a letter has been sent to the Lowell Little League about the existing contract and we are waiting for a response.

A brief discussion followed.

Harold asked about the procedure for purchasing the memorial/honorarium bricks that are displayed on the Freedom Park walk. Bricks are available for purchase for a cost of \$50.00 per brick. Forms are available at the Park Office.

Bob Philpot asked how the disc golf course was doing. Tom advised that the course has been mowed and weed whacked and is ready for use.

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Alice asked what the Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup> movie is going to be. The scheduled movie is "The Hunger Games". Discussion followed about attendance at the May movie which was "Everglades of the North". The weather was quite cool and it had been rainy earlier and only a few people turned out. Jeff Manes offered to re-show the movie later on during the movie season which is really appreciated. Discussion followed.

Discussion about the Little League contract followed. Tom advised that the Girls Bluebird League is eager to begin field work. A new contract with the Bluebird League will need to be drawn up so it will be beneficial for all involved. Bob Philpot who is the Town Council Representative advised that he would speak with the Town Attorney with regard to existing Little League contract.

Announcements & Correspondence:

Next months meeting of the Freedom Park Board will be held on Tuesday July 16, 2013 at 6:00pm at the Lowell Town Hall.

Public Comment:

None

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn made by Harold Mussman and seconded by Bob Philpot  
At 6:20pm.

