

Freedom Park Board Meeting
February, 18 2014
6:00pm

Start Time: 6:00p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

President Alice Dahl led members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present:

Randy Hall, Harold Mussman, Alice Dahl, and Robert Philpot were present. Also present, Tom Sullivan, Candy Johnson and new Recreation Coordinator Mindi Arnold Buchler.

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

Superintendent Tom Sullivan introduced the new park rec-coordinator Mindi Arnold Buchler to the Freedom Park Board.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the January 2014 minutes was made by Alice Dahl and seconded by Harold Mussman. There was no discussion and the motion carried 4/0.

Approval of Claims:

After review of claims submitted for 01/27/14 and 02/10/14, the motion to approve was made by Alice Dahl and seconded by Harold Mussman. After brief discussion, the motion to approve carried 4/0.

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Reports

Freedom Park Updates

Tom reported that it has been a challenge to keep the roadways cleared at Freedom Park this year and that snow plowing has been an ongoing project. In other business, Tom advised that after speaking with Frank Johnson in depth about the proposed "fundraiser run" for Freedom Park, he has found that we will "need" money in order to "raise" money for Freedom Park. Tom advised that at this time Freedom Park does not have the funds available that would be needed for a fundraiser of this type. Discussion followed about the costs that would be involved with putting on a run.

Discussion followed about other ways to raise funds. Randy Hall suggested having a "mud run" at Freedom Park. Randy explained that a "mud run" is a marathon with build in obstacles and of course, mud. Discussion followed. In other discussion, Tom asked the Board if anyone would object to holding our Annual Parks Summer Camp out at Freedom Park instead of Evergreen Park. The Board agreed that it would be a safer environment for the children at Freedom Park as well as provide another way to promote Freedom Park.

Randy Hall suggested that we could hold events at Freedom Park. Randy advised that Highland Parks utilizes their park that way. They hold concerts and other events. We could certainly do the same thing here at Freedom Park. Randy stated that he organized and put on the first ever "rock concert" at DC Country Junction in 2009. Randy suggested using the area where the BMX was located to hold special events. Randy suggested starting small and holding a "battle of the bands" event with Lowell High School students participating. Alice advised that Cedar Lake uses a portable band shell for their special events and that Freedom Park could do the same when holding fundraisers. Discussion followed and other ideas were discussed.

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New Business

In new business, Tom advised that the Dean and Barbra White Grant has been resubmitted.

Randy asked if there was any other new business and there was not.

Public Comment

Lola Jean Brink confirmed that the Crossroads Marathon date will be held on April 27, 2014.

Lola Jean also confirmed that the current 2014 Bark Park membership is 13 and revenue is \$630.00.

There were no other questions or comments.

Motion to adjourn was made by Harold Mussman and seconded by Alice Dahl at 6:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Park secretary Candice Johnson