

January 17, 2015

Freedom Park Board Meeting

January 17, 2015 6:00pm

Start Time: 6:00p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Randy Hall led members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present:

Board Members Randy Hall, Harold Mussman, Alice Dahl, and LeAnn Angerman were present. Also present, Tom Sullivan, Mindi Arnold-Buchler and Judy Walters. Press member Lola Jean Brink of the Lowell Tribune was also present.

Election of Officers:

Randy Hall was voted to remain president, and Harold Mussman was voted to remain as Executive Secretary of the Freedom Park Board.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the December 2014 minutes was made by Harold Mussman and seconded by Alice Dahl.

Approval of Claims:

Alice Dahl made a motion to approve the December 2014 claims. Randy Hall seconded that motion.

Freedom Park Updates:

Tom Sullivan reported that the deadbolt locks are now installed at the Bark Park. Volleyball courts were discussed as Tom Sullivan estimated that the two sand volleyball courts costs could be \$1,050 to \$1,920. This estimate is depending upon the hardware, vendor and type of sand used. Alice Dahl motioned to approve the volleyball courts, Randy Hall seconded that motion.

Park Updates Continued:

Alice Dahl informed the Board that she has made contact with a volunteer from Republic Service that is interested in helping maintain the disc golf course and possibly host tournaments at the Freedom Park disc golf course. She asked him to attend this evenings meeting or to come out to the park and speak to Tom Sullivan if he could not attend this evenings meeting.

Mindi Arnold-Buchler updated the 2015 bark park fees with the current enrollment of 15 members, 18 dogs and \$745.00 revenue.

Lowell Clerk-Treasure Judy Walters attended to discuss the Freedom Park budget and the breakdown of the reports that are submitted to the board each month. Walters proceeded with explaining the different reports, what each report is for, and how to read them. Each report was explained in detail to the Board. The annual budget was reviewed, and how the budget is prepared for Freedom Park. She also stated bark park enrollment was down in 2014. She suggested that the 2016 budget also have a line item for shelter rentals. Walters explained the process of appropriating funds for

upcoming projects as well. The Board was given the opportunity to ask questions. Walters stated she is always available to answer questions for the Board. The Board began making suggestions, including paving the walking paths, as a project they would like to spend the cash balance on. Discussion followed and Judy Walters answered several questions the Board had about the cash balance, and what they wanted to appropriate for upcoming projects. Discussion continued amongst the Board and Superintendent Tom Sullivan about the walking path being paved and signage on the path.

Public Comment:

Lola Jean Brink of the Lowell Tribune reminded the board that there was a motion still open on the floor about the volleyball courts that Alice Dahl had motioned, and Randy Hall had seconded. Randy Hall then asked who was all in favor and Harold Mussman responded.

Adjournment:

At 6:41 pm Alice Dahl made a motion to adjourn, Harold Mussman seconded that. Respectfully submitted by Mindi Arnold-Buchler