

# February 17, 2015

Freedom Park Board Meeting

February 17, 2015 6:00pm

Start Time: 5:58 p.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, Craig Earley, Paul Crouse. Press member Lola Jean Brink of the Lowell Tribune was also present.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the January 2015 minutes was made by LeAnn Angerman and seconded by Harold Mussman.

Approval of Claims:

Alice Dahl made a motion to approve the January 2015 claims. LeAnn Angerman seconded that motion.

Freedom Park Updates:

Tom Sullivan reported that he has been in contact with the Lions Club in regards to bringing the circus back to Freedom Park in July or August of 2015. Sullivan discussed that the profit from the upcoming circus will go toward Freedom Park this year.

The tractor has been repaired by the Lowell Street Department, with repairs coming in around \$800.00.

Park Updates Continued:

Mr. Sullivan reported that he was trying to make contact with Jeanann Ficker, a past grant writer for Freedom Park. The board discussed the need for a grant writer and would like to know more about fees and types of grants that Freedom Park could benefit from.

Freedom Park maintenance was reported with continuation of snow removal. Measurements were also reported of the existing walking path. The current path is a little less than 3 miles without incorporating the nature area north of the waterway.

There has not been any interest in the sale of the batwing, however Mr. Sullivan is still making calls to parties he thought would be interested.

The Freemasons have shown interest in helping as operators for the installation of the volleyball courts. Mr. Sullivan said he is currently seeking the use of equipment for them to use. The masons are interested in seeing the ball fields become a reality at Freedom Park. Mr. Sullivan has been speaking with Greg Shook and has questions for Greg White concerning MS4 regulations for a project of this nature.

Mindi Arnold-Buchler updated the 2015 park fees with the current enrollment of 20 members, 24 dogs and \$995.00 revenue.

Announcements and Correspondence:

Recreation Director Mindi-Arnold Buchler suggested to the board to think about utilizing the new volleyball courts as an ice rink in the winter months. The board discussed the costs of turning the courts into a rink. Superintendent Tom Sullivan suggested that the cost should be minimal and he would look into different options and prices for the board.

**Announcements and Correspondence Continued:**

Randy Hall updated the board about discussions he has had with his employer, and Greg White pertaining to the walking path at Freedom Park. He is working on getting materials donated and delivered to help pave the walking path. Mr. Hall is hopeful that this donation will complete the walking path, the parking areas and roadways of Freedom Park.

**New Business:**

LeaAnn Angerman reported that she has had contact with Senator, Niemeyer who has access to over 200 tree saplings of different varieties. If Freedom Park is interested in some, contact should be made in the beginning of March.

**Public Comment:**

Randy Hall mentioned a certificate of substantiality that Freedom Park received from USAGAIN recycling. The textile recycling units at Freedom Park prevented over 1,405 lbs textiles from being placed into landfills in 2014.

**Adjournment:**

At 6:20 pm, LeAnn Angerman made a motion to adjourn, Harold Mussman seconded that.

Respectfully submitted by: Mindi Arnold-Buchler Recreation Director