

Freedom Park Meeting Minutes

Tuesday August 18, 2015

Start Time 6:00p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Board Member/Public Present:

Randy Hall, Harold Mussman, Alice Dahl and LeAnn Angerman.

Also present Tom Sullivan and Candy Johnson.

Guests present included Dorothy Eich and Belia Farver.

Approval of Minutes:

After discussion, the motion to approve the June 2015 Freedom Park Meeting minutes was made by Alice Dahl and seconded by LeAnn Angerman. Motion carried 4/0

(Please note there was no July 2015 Freedom Park Meeting.)

Freedom Park Claims:

After review of the Freedom Park Claims, motion to approve payment was made by Randy Hall and seconded by Harold Mussman. Motion carried 4/0

Old Business:

Dog Park Update

As of August 17 we have \$3,620.00 in Membership revenue.

Volleyball Court Update:

Tom reported that the anchors are in the ground, it is striped and ready to go however volunteer operators are busy this time

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of the year. Bill Marshall from the Masons is keeping me updated as when an operator might be available. There was no other discussion.

Freedom Park Walking Path:

Tom reported he has the same situation as with the volleyball courts. He is waiting for volunteer operators. Tom advised that he and Harold Mussman took a ride out Freedom Park where the walking path will be located. Harold suggested lay the path on top of the grass, getting a "road grader" and just do a 6' to 8' path. We would also need a dump truck. Harold suggested that the first step would be to kill the grass where the path will be located then lay the lime stone down. This would be the least expensive way to put the path. If we would choose to remove all the dirt that would be removed if the path would be flush with the ground, we would have a lot of man-hours getting that moved. Alice asked, if we should get an operator who has the time to volunteer his time, how long it would take to get the needed equipment out there. Tom advised that it would depend on if the equipment is "drivable" or if it would need to be loaded on a flatbed trailer and brought out to Freedom Park. Randy asked if the path is to be mostly located along the property line. Time replied that is the plan. Alice asked about weeds growing on the path. Randy advised that the limestone will be 4" thick and that should keep weeds off the path. LeAnn asked if weeds would be the only negative to laying the path on top of the grass. Harold feels that by doing the path as suggested will be much more cost effective. Tom advised that once the Limestone is rolled it will help to keep the weeds away from the path. Tom also advised that once the path is rolled, it will be flat and smooth and that would be beneficial in keeping the weeds away. LeAnn asked Tom what he thought about the two path options. Tom advised that

he agrees with Harold about the best and most economical way to complete the path at Freedom Park. LeAnn asked Tom about the savings involved with laying the path on top of the grass. It would definitely save on man-hours and fuel. Tom advised that a dump truck would be needed, and then a loader would be needed. Also, this would not be a job for just one man, it would require teamwork. Harold added that if the path were cut out, the displaced dirt would need to be moved. LeAnn asked what would be done with the dirt. Tom said all dirt goes to the sled hill to make it bigger. Alice asked if we already have the gasoline for the equipment that will be used. Tom replied no, however he has been in contact with Paul from Superior and he will bring out a tank whenever we are ready. Also he will donate 100 gallons of fuel for the machinery. Alice was concerned about a volunteer worker showing up and the gasoline has not been delivered so he is not able to do anything. Discussion followed about what equipment will be needed to make the extension of the walking path the most cost effective and completed in a timely fashion. Alice said she just wants to make sure that if volunteers are available, equipment and fuel are readily available. Tom also said that advance notice that volunteers are available would be really helpful so he can get everything lined up. Tom added that the thing with donated equipment is that if it is needed by a paying customer, the equipment will not be available for us to use until it is returned. Randy asked Tom if we have a dump truck. Tom advised that we have a 1-ton. Randy said that if a truck is needed, Rob Henderson has offered to help with his dump truck which would be great. Discussion followed about available funds for the path project. The existing purchase order made out the Henderson Trucking is approved not to exceed \$6000.00. Henderson is concerned that this amount is close to being used up, \$11,180.00 has already been approved. LeAnn asked if the purchase order for \$6000.00 for transporting limestone will

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cover the amount of limestone that will be needed for the path project. Tom advised that we really won't know what is needed until we get started on the path.

Alice advised that the Lions Club has donated \$1000.00 toward fuel for this project and Superior has donated \$500.00 for a total of \$1500.00 for fuel.

Randy went back to limestone figures saying that 33% of the \$6000.00 has been used at this time.

Discussion then followed about the length of the walking path. Originally it was thought that 2,200 Tons of limestone would be needed to complete a 3 mile path. After discussion it was determined the 1,800 Tons would be needed because of the actual length of the completed path.

Discussion followed about actual cost to complete the path. The original amount we thought was needed (\$21,000.00) was actually to \$10,000.00 or \$11,000.00. LeAnn said that the \$6,000.00 needs to be deducted from that \$11,180.00 per Gregg Shook. Now we are going back up to \$18,000.00 needed to complete the project.

In other business, LeAnn advised that fund for gas and electric are depleted. We have approximately enough funds for one more month. We need to transfer another \$1,000.00 from somewhere in our budget into gas and electric to cover the remainder of the year. LeAnn advised that Judy Walters has already transferred \$500.00 from Professional Services to cover last month's bill.

Alice asked if Judy had suggested where the needed funds should be transferred from. After extensive discussion, Alice Dahl made the motion to transfer \$1000.00 from Park Gift-Movies in the Park into line item 341 and 342 Freedom Park Gas and Electric. Alice added that if the decision is made to go ahead with Movies in the Park in 2016, funds would be transferred back into Park Gift-Movies in the Park. The motion

was seconded by Harold Mussman. Motion carried 4/0.

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At this point extensive discussion followed about why we are depleting the budget half way through the year. Gregg Shook advised that he would try to get answers for us. Also LeAnn has requested that the rubber mulch be placed around the playground equipment at Freedom Park. We have the rubber mulch. The old mulch needs to be removed then the rubber mulch spread as time allows.

Tom reported that last weekend (August 15) we held a Disc Golf Tournament out here at Freedom Park. The event was held for professional disc golfers. Approximately 30 golfers turned out. We received a lot of compliments on the course and plan on this becoming an annual event and eventually turn in to a profit making event for Freedom Park. Tom also reported that the group that spearheaded this event came out and helped to prepare the course for the tournament which is greatly appreciated. We hope many more events will be held on the course.

New Business:

Barktoberfest:

Dorothy Eich Lowell Womens Club) and Belia Farver (Relay for Life) were present to request moving ahead with plans to hold a "Barktoberfest" Saturday October 17 from 10am to 2pm. Sunday the 18th would be the planned rain date. Any revenue that comes from this event would be split between the 2 organizations and the Town of Lowell. Vendors would be out selling their "wares". There will be a pet blessing and pet costume contest. Paw Power Pet training will also be present. The Lake County Canine Unit will also be giving a demonstration. Belia advised that she has flyers

of past Barktoberfest events which will help with contacting vendors. Belia advised the committee would like to make this an

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annual event. Judy Walters said she would find out if a 1-day event insurance policy is needed. She also said that Paul Crouse will be serving food. He already has all necessary permits. Final approval would be forthcoming from the Town Council. With regard to Freedom Park, the motion to give permission to go ahead with the Barktoberfest Event was made by Randy Hall and seconded by Harold Mussman. Motion carried 4/0

Announcements & Correspondence:

The next meeting of the Freedom Park Board will be held on Tuesday September 15, 2015 at 6:00pm here at the Lowell Town Hall.

Public Comment:

None

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Randy Hall and seconded by Harold Mussman at 7:00pm. Motion carried 4/0