

Freedom Park Meeting Minutes
Tuesday September 15, 2015
6:00p.m.

Start Tune 5:58p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Board Members/Public Present:

Harold Mussman, Alice Dahl and LeAnn Angerman were present. Board Member Randy Hall was unable to attend. Park Superintendent Tom Sullivan and Park Secretary Candy Johnson were also present. Press Member Robin Johnston was present along with guest Paul Krause.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve August 2015 Freedom Park Minutes was made by LeAnn Angerman and seconded Alice Dahl. Motion carried 3/0.

Freedom Park Claims:

After review of the Freedom Park claims, Alice Dahl requested discussion. Alice asked specifically about the payment of gas and electric and the purchase of fuel for Freedom Park. Alice is concerned about the budgeted funds carrying us through the end of the year. She asked if funds would be forthcoming from the Park Budget should additional funds be needed. LeAnn Angerman advised that she was told that no funds would be deducted from the Park budget. Alice stated that she was under the impression that in the past these funds were also deducted from the Park budget for utilities and fuel. Alice stated that she would like to make a motion that the Park Op budget should pay for $\frac{1}{2}$ NIPSCO utilities (gas & electric) at the Park office. LeAnn said that if splitting costs was

ever determined, there should be record of the agreement in meeting minutes.

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Tom added that the cost of diesel fuel/gasoline is a shared cost. Tom advised that a tank was put out there in the park and filled to be used as needed during the development of the walking path at Freedom Park.

Tom advised that the last time Superior filled the tank, was in July or August. The accounts payable record is just now showing the payment. Discussion followed about the Freedom Park Budget. LeAnn Angerman advised that she was told by the Clerk Treasurer that there has been a proposal submitted to increase the Freedom budget from the current amount of \$31,450.00 to \$37,000.00 in 2016. A Budget Session for Freedom Park has been scheduled and LeAnn will keep us posted about the results.

Discussion followed with Alice Dahl advising that she does understand the proposed increase in the Freedom Park budget; however, she feels that if the "park budget" does not currently contribute to the payment of the utilities for Freedom Park, then it should. LeAnn again requested that she would like the Freedom Park minutes to be reviewed and locate in those minutes where the sharing of Freedom Park utilities was discussed. Candy Johnson advised that she would review the minutes for this information. There was no other discussion.

REPORTS:

Freedom Park Updates:

Tom Sullivan advised all equipment is working well. The playground at Reservation Park is in the process of being updated. Following the work at Reservation, the Water Department will head out to Freedom Park to do the necessary work on the new volleyball court that is scheduled to be put in at Freedom Park.

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At this point Alice Dahl advised that she has received several calls concerning the distance between the slide and the ground at Reservation Park. Discussion followed about the installation of the new equipment and the new rubber mulch that will be distributed at Reservation Park. LeAnn advised that once the updates are complete, the updates should address the complaints that Alice has been receiving. Tom also advised that he has recently added mulch at Reservation to help until the rubber mulch goes in. Tom also advised that a clutch that had been recently installed went bad and needed to be replaced. Everything is working now. There were no other updates.

OLD BUSINESS:
Bark Park Updates:

Candy Johnson advised that there are 78 members and total revenue in the amount of \$3620.00.

Volleyball Court Update:

Tom said that hopefully the Water Department will be out this week to do the excavation work for the volleyball courts.

The Water Department has been busy cleaning up and returning equipment and picnic tables that were borrowed from the parks for the Labor Day Parade.

At this point LeAnn advised that she had recently spoken with Judy Walters who advised that there is still a purchase order that was pulled for the purchase of sand but not turned in yet. Tom advised that all volleyball hardware has been purchased from Flaghouse for the volleyball court; however, until the ground work is completed, it would be difficult to determine how much sand will be needed. That is why the purchase order, (not to exceed \$3100.00) still has not been completed. This will be deducted from Freedom Park Improvements.

Discussion followed. LeAnn advised that currently we have \$8400.00 available in Freedom Park Improvement as of today's date.

(09/15/2015) We have \$1282.17 that is left on the original \$6000.00 Purchase Order for limestone, so, you have to deduct the \$1282.17 amount for the limestone and the \$3100.00 for the sand, which I believe we were generous with that number. What is not needed for sand will be used toward further purchases of limestone. Anyway, with those deductions, that leaves a balance of \$4025.00.

Tom advised that he has not been able to get any operators who have the time to volunteer for projects out here at Freedom Park. This has been a very busy working season. Alice then asked what happens when a volunteer is able to come out. Tom advised that a volunteer would need to let him know when he is coming out. Tom advised that he would speak with the volunteer and discuss what type of equipment would be needed. A brief discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Barktoberfest:

Tom advised that the Barktoberfest date has been set for Saturday, October 17th. They have been taking all steps necessary to hold the event out at Freedom Park. Discussion about the insurance that will be needed for the Barktoberfest followed. Robin Johnston advised that she had information about a very reasonable "Event Insurance" that she has passed on the ladies that are planning the Barktoberfest.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Guest Paul Krause who is our 2015 Park Hotdog Vender advised that he did not have any further questions about the upcoming Barktoberfest. He said that all his questions had been answered.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE:

The next meeting of the Freedom Park Board will be held on Tuesday October 20, 2015 at 6:00p.m. at the Lowell Town Hall.

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Alice Dahl and seconded by LeAnn Angerman at 6:15p.m.