



Freedom Park Board
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FREEDOM PARK

Special Meeting Freedom Park Board

Tuesday June 2, 2015

Meeting Start Time: 4:30p.m.

Reason for Special Meeting

This meeting was called for the purpose of appropriating various funds within the Freedom Park budget for various projects to further develop freedom Park.

Freedom Park Board Members Present:

Randy Hall, Alice Dahl, Harold Mussman and LeAnn Angerman.
Also Present, Town Council President Chris Salatas and Park Superintendent Tom Sullivan.

Board Member LeAnn Angerman explained various funds that are available for use within the Freedom Park budget.

1. Funds that were appropriated to repair the John Deere 5400. The Street Department was able to repair the tractor at less cost then sending it out to be repaired. Funds that had been appropriated for these repairs will not be needed. Because of this, we have \$9933.00
2. Other monies that are available, \$2700.00 for the sale of the batwing.

3. There is also \$2713.00 available in the Park Gift Fund under Open Gym.

LeAnn explained that if we used those additional funds we would have approximately \$15,333.00 available for upcoming projects. (The volleyball courts and extension of the walking path).

LeAnn explained that the equipment for the volleyball courts has already been purchased and paid for. That amount was \$2566.64. However the cost of the sand for the courts would be deducted from the \$15,333.00.

The cost of the sand will be approximately \$3,100.00, possibly a little more.

Discussion followed about the volleyball courts. Alice advised that if we deduct \$3,100.00 for the total amount available, \$15,333.00, we would have \$12,233.00.

Randy asked about the 2 separated appropriations, the funds for the sale of the batwing and the funds available from Park Gift Open Gym totaling \$5,400.00. So, \$9,933.00 is already available. LeAnn replied that is correct, however we still need to deduct the cost of the sand for the volleyball courts.

Alice then asked about the cost to add the 3 miles of additional walking path, which is approximately \$20,000.00. LeAnn advised that is the estimate of 3 miles to complete the path is actually not 3 miles, but less. Please see map of Freedom Park prepared by Gregg Shook and Gregg White. Yellow line is proposed path (5220 feet). Blue is the proposed for future extension of the path (2043 feet), Red is the existing path which is 1003 feet in length. LeAnn advised that we still need to use some of the existing gravel that has been stockpiled on the red pathway to finish it off. We also need to spray for weeds. She advised that the proposed yellow is

5220 feet and a mile in length is 5280 feet, so the proposed yellow path is just under a mile in length.

Randy then asked if the entire path is 7,263 feet which half the length that we estimated the length to complete the path at earlier meetings.

LeAnn agreed with Randy but added that the blue line which is the proposed future extension needs to be adjusted. Gregg Shook advised that the location of the blue line on the south west end is marshy and he is concerned about getting equipment back to that location once we start work to extend the path. Tom added that the town "lift station" is in that corner and it is a very wet area. So when work on the blue part of the path begins, we would need to extend the path along the north side of the lift station rather than straight along the south side of the lift station.

Discussion followed about the cost to complete the paths.

LeAnn advised that the estimated cost to complete the yellow path is approximately \$11,030.00. Discussion followed about financial costs to complete the path and how many pieces of equipment would be needed to do the work (3) plus a truck running back and forth to haul the dirt out. Alice asked how much fuel would be needed. Tom advised it would be difficult to estimate how much fuel would be needed. Discussion followed about how the path would be constructed. Harold suggested going in and using a "grader" to construct the path 8' wide. Just grade 2" off and put 4 inches in (gravel). The path would not be flush with the ground since you are not going to be driving on the path. Tom and Randy both agreed that grading the path is a good way to go. Randy added that that would also keep the weeds from growing over onto the path. Harold then suggested placing a matting material down once the area is graded. The opinion of all other board members is that it would be too much expense to do that. Tom added that we do have a partial role remaining from when they put in part of the "drive".

Discussion followed about how much gravel should be put down. LeAnn said that Gregg figured for 6 inches of gravel. Harold and Randy suggested that 4 inches would be good.

LeAnn said that since the \$11,000.00 figure plans for 6 inches of gravel rather than 4 inches, the amount needed to complete the yellow path would be less. LeAnn also advised that Alice has secured a donation for the path project. After a brief discussion Alice Dahl made a motion to approve both appropriations. LeAnn advised that the motion to appropriate need to be made separately since funds will be forthcoming from Park Gift Open Gym. LeAnn asked if there was any need to set aside funds for anything else besides fuel and Tom said "only fuel". Tom suggested setting \$2,000.00 aside for fuel. This is an estimate only it is hard to judge at this point. Discussion about the layout of the existing path followed. Some of the path is paved so the new yellow path will require a "step up" where it begins because of the way it is being done. LeAnn suggested a slow incline into the existing path so the "step up" is not needed. Tom said that the operators know what they are doing and that will be addressed by them during construction. LeAnn asked if there was a downside to grading and Harold advised we are doing a walking path. A brief discussion followed.

At this point a break in the meeting took place to give LeAnn the opportunity to call Gregg Shook to make sure there was no specific reason for using 6 inches of gravel. Gregg advised LeAnn that the Boards choice of 4 inches of gravel was fine and if there was a decision to add more gravel in the future, the 4 inches of gravel would serve as an excellent base.

Alice asked if the stone that we already have is going to be put on the driveway. Tom advised that the stone was supposed to be for the other side of the waterway. Is everyone alright with using the gravel for the driveway? LeAnn asked if we could use the gravel to top of the red part of the pathway or are we going to use limestone? Tom agreed that we do need to use some of the gravel to top off the existing red pathway.

At this point LeAnn Angerman made a motion to have the Clerk Treasurer set a public hearing to appropriate the \$2,700.00 from the selling of the "batwing" to account 451 Park Improvement. The motion was seconded by Randy Hall. The motion carried 4/0

2nd motion: LeAnn Angerman made a motion to use the \$2713.81 from Park Gift Open Gym, to be used for the walking path project. Alice Dahl seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0.

The appropriation of funds is a lengthy procedure. The sale of the "batwing" needs to go to a public hearing and the Town Council for final approval. So, this could take a month or so before funds are available.

At this point Randy Hall requested review of the available funds with the Board.

Starting amount: \$9933.00 minus \$3100.00 (the sand) so we are at \$6833.00. This is what's available and can now go ahead with the project. Board member LeAnn Angerman made a motion to start work on the walking path project to start using these monies and get the stone shipped so we can start work on this project. The motion was seconded by Randy Hall. Motion carried 4/0. Alice asked if the stone can be shipped as soon as tomorrow. Discussion followed about meeting procedure since this is a "Special" called meeting. Town Council President Chris Salatas was present. Mr. Salatas explained proper "wordage" for the above motion. At this point LeAnn Angerman amended her motion to reflect the contingency of the availability of funds. Randy Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried 4/0. Tom also advised that a purchase order would need to be pulled and approved by Judy Walters prior to any stone being trucked to Freedom Park.

Discussion about the trucking of the limestone to Freedom Park, followed by the policy and procedure for all "Town of Lowell Committee Heads".

LeAnn Angerman confirmed that we are ready to begin work on volleyball courts and walking path. Tom confirmed that we have \$6,833.00 available for the purchase of stone.

There was no other discussion and motion to adjourn was made by LeAnn Angerman and seconded by Harold Mussman at 5:05p.m.