



**Freedom Park Committee  
Members**

Randy Hall  
Chairperson  
Freedom Park Board

Harold Mussman  
West Creek Township  
Executive Secretary  
Freedom Park Board

LeAnn Angerman  
Freedom Park Board  
Lowell Town Council

Alice Dahl  
Cedar Creek Township  
Freedom Park Board

Tom Sullivan  
Park Superintendent

# FREEDOM PARK

Freedom Park Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, November 15, 2016  
6:00p.m.

Call to Order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Board Members Present:**

Alice Dahl, LeAnn Angerman and Harold Mussman. Also present, Park Superintendent Tom Sullivan and Park Secretary Candy Johnson. Guests Present: Dorothy Eich and Belia and Jeff Farver. Randy Hall was unable to attend due to illness.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion to approve the October 18, 2016 minutes was made by LeAnn Angerman and seconded by Alice Dahl. Motion carried 3/0

**Review Freedom Park Claims:**

After review of Freedom Park claims the motion to accept claims as submitted was made by Alice Dahl and seconded by LeAnn Angerman. Motion carried 3/0

Dorothy Eich and Belia/Jeff Farver were present at the November 15, 2016 Freedom Park Meeting. Dorothy Eich spoke about this years' very successful "Barktoberfest" event. She submitted a check for \$800.00. These funds will be used exclusively toward the improvement of the Freedom Park Bark Park. She added that duplicate amounts also went toward; Relay for Life and the GFWC funded Scholarship Fund. In 2017 they would like to hold a "Bark for Life" event. At this point, Alice asked that the Freedom Park Committee give their approval to hold the Barktoberfest on October 14, 2017 with the time to be determined.

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After discussion about being able to hold the "Bark for Life" event at Freedom Park in conjunction with the Barktoberfest, LeAnn Angerman made the motion to hold the Bark for Life event and Barktoberfest at Freedom Park on October 14, 2017 with time of event to be determined. The motion carried 3/0.

A brief discussion about waiving the "transient vendor fee" followed. Dorothy Eich asked LeAnn when she needed to request that the "fee" be waived for this event. Dorothy advised that she would like to receive approval as soon as possible so she can begin planning,

Freedom Park Updates:

Tom advised that he is done mowing for the season. Volley Ball nets have been taken down and the replacement Disc Golf basket is in.

Tom advised that he has been talking with FFC Fencing (they did the original fencing) about installing new and more sturdy gates at the Bark Park. Tom advised that we will be able to keep the lock and key system that we currently have for these new sturdier gates. LeAnn asked if the lock is changed yearly. Tom advised that the locks are replaced yearly. The estimate to replace both gates is \$929.00. The cost to rekey the lock system for 2017 is approximately \$80.00. Tom advised that he would like to get started on this project as soon as possible since membership for the 2017 season begins in January of 2017 so he would like to get approval this evening.

Discussion followed about the Park Budget and how to pay for this project. Decision made to take \$500.00 from Park Gift Bark Park and the remainder be paid from Freedom Park Bark Park Improvement #452. LeAnn Angerman made the motion to pay for the new gates not to exceed \$929.00 for the purchase of the gates, installed. The motion was seconded by Alice Dahl. Motion carried 3/0

Alice asked about the Park Gift Fund and Freedom Park Brick money, what it is used for, other than to pay for purchased bricks. Discussion followed about the need to put a new roof on the garage at Freedom Park. Alice received a quote in the amount of \$1,124.00. After discussion, the decision

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was made to hold off on a motion for this project until the December meeting.

In other business, Tom advised that he needed to have a new "hub" replaced on our lawn mower. He advised that our mower is ten years old now and it has a lot of mowing hours on it. Alice asked how much the mower cost when it was purchased. Tom advised approximately \$11,000.00 however he had a trade in at that time. Alice asked if we would have a trade in when the time comes to purchase a new mower. Tom said that the mower that we have is a diesel. A brief discussion followed about the condition of our mower. Tom advised that right now the mower is in good shape, but replacing the clutch was expensive and he wanted to let the group to know that things are beginning to wear out on the mower. There was no other discussion.

Bark Park Membership

Candy advised she will have membership and revenue at the December meeting.

Walking Path:

Tom advised that we are on hold on the completion of the path due to the weather. The operator who has been out at Freedom Park has been stuck twice with his equipment, so we are on hold.

Barktoberfest:

Already discussed

New Business:

None

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*Announcements and Correspondence:*

The next meeting of the Freedom Park Committee will be Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at 6:00p.m. at the Lowell Town Hall.

*Public Comment:*

None

*Adjournment:*

Motion to adjourn made by LeAnn Angerman and seconded by Harold Mussman at 6:30p.m.