



**Freedom Park Committee  
Members**

Randy Hall  
Chairperson  
Freedom Park Board

Harold Mussman  
West Creek Township  
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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

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Freedom Park Committee Meeting  
Rescheduled Freedom Park Meeting  
Thursday September 22, 2016  
4:00p.m

Call to Order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance recited.

**Board Members Present:**

Committee Members Randy Hall, Alice Dahl, LeAnn Angerman and Harold Mussman along with Park Superintendent Tom Sullivan and Park Secretary Candy Johnson. Also Present, guests Dorothy Eich and Belia Farver from the Lowell Women's Club.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion to approve the August 16, 2016 meeting minutes was made by LeAnn Angerman and seconded by Harold Mussman. Motion carried 4/0

**Review Freedom Park Claims:**

After review, motion to approve the Freedom Park claims was made by LeAnn Angerman for 8/22 and 9/12/2016. The motion was seconded by Alice Dahl. Motion carried 4/0

**Freedom Park Updates**

Tom reported that necessary repairs were made to the X-Mark. Also it was necessary to replace the "hub". It was also necessary to do some welding on the batwing. (This is the second time this year that welding was necessary. Other than that, the equipment is good.

Also, this Sunday beginning at 9a.m. there will be a "Disc Golf Tourney" held out at Freedom Park. Tom advised that the course looks great. Brian Cummings and his volunteers have been working on the course getting everything "tournament" ready.

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Tom also advised that beginning next week we will begin getting the Bark Park all ready for the upcoming "Barktoberfest" event on October 8 from 10 a.m. to 3pm.

Discussion followed with regard to available funds for completing this project. Tom advised that it would be possible to transfer funds if necessary. A brief discussion followed with regard to our part-time maintenance staff.

Tom added that he needs to use three (3) weeks vacation time prior to October 28, 2016.

Tom advised that one of our donated signs is finished. The second sign will be ready soon. Tom advised that he will get the signs installed when both are completed. Tom also advised that the original sign has been redone to list current activities at Freedom Park.

In other discussion, Alice asked Tom about spreading gravel on the roadway that leads back to the bark park. Tom advised he had recently sprayed for weeds and that he will be spreading gravel in that area soon.

LeAnn advised that when she and Tom had spoken to the representative from Local 150 he had suggested that we request grindings for the road repairs that are to be completed locally. Since repairs will be done locally, we should be able to ask for and receive the grindings from the road repairs. Having access to those grindings would be really helpful as the walking path continues to be developed.

Bark Park Update:

There are currently 91 bark park members and total bark park revenue as of September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 totaling \$4195.00.

#### Walk Path Updates

Tom reported that he and LeAnn had recently met with Local 150 representative Jeff Valles with regard to the Freedom Park walking path. The Local 150 is going to complete the entire path and they are going to supply everything to complete this project! Tom also advised that Mr. Valles offered to help with smoothing out the roadways in Freedom Park.

Tom advised that they would begin work on Monday the 26th and they should complete the entire project should be completed in a few days (4) days, weather permitting.

Extensive discussion followed about how much the Local 150 is appreciated for their volunteerism.

Randy Hall added that once the walking path is completed, Arcelor Mittal would like to be part of a "Ribbon Cutting" ceremony.

LeAnn suggested putting permanent signage at the "trail head" once this project is complete. This would be one way of thanking Local 150 for all they have done and let them know how much their help is appreciated. LeAnn also suggested having a vinyl banner made and hung on the fence at the Freedom Park entrance thanking all involved. Discussion followed with regard to the estimated costs for signage. Discussion followed.

#### New Business:

##### Lowell Women's Club (Barktoberfest)

LeAnn asked Dorothy is there is any signage up regarding the upcoming Barktoberfest. Dorothy advised that it is necessary to obtain a sign permit prior to displaying signage in Town. Alice asked Dorothy what needs to be done at the Bark Park prior to the October 8 event. Dorothy feels that just general maintenance is all that is needed, specifically weeding around the fencing at this point. Dorothy then asked about the signage that

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is currently at the bark park. She asked permission to remove the outdated and rusty signage. Dorothy also added that they have applied for a "grant" that would benefit the bark park. There were several opportunities; however, only one chance remains at this point. Dorothy also asked if it would be possible to make up a free 2017 membership to be given as a raffle prize. LeAnn made a motion to donate a membership. The motion was seconded by Harold Mussman to donate a 1 year membership for this years' raffle. Motion carried 4/0. Also, the Women's Club donates approximately 1/3 of the proceeds back to Freedom Bark Park.

LeAnn asked if we have thought about doing a "Bark for Life", which would be something to think about for next year.

Discussion followed.

Budget Discussion: (Leann Angerman)

LeAnn advised that Judy had to go ahead and enter our budget for 2017 into the "Gateway System".

LeAnn explained that we have funds available (\$8000.00) that can be spent prior to the end of 2016. Otherwise, if the monies will need to be re-appropriated for 2017. Though this is not an issue, there would be a period prior to re-appropriation when the funds would not be available. At this point, the group discussed possible projects for Freedom Park.

Tom advised that the garage is definitely in need of a new roof, Other ideas included, a shelter that would be located on the north end of Freedom Park, or possibly a gazebo or additional washroom facilities. Discussion ended with LeAnn asking everyone to compile a list of possible Freedom Park projects to be considered for discussion at next months meeting. LeAnn asked Tom to gets estimates for the new roof for our next meeting. Discussion followed.

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**Announcements & Correspondence:**

The next meeting of the Freedom Park Committee will be  
Tuesday October 18, 2016 at 6:00p.m.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn made by LeAnn Angerman and seconded by  
Alice Dahl at 4:58p.m. Motion carried 4/0

Submitted by Candy Johnson