

# FREEDOM PARK

Freedom Park Committee Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at Lowell Town Hall  
Start Time: 9:00am

## **Board Members**

Heidi Laub  
Chairman

West Creek Township

Mark Myers  
Vice-Chairman  
Town of Lowell

Will Farrellbegg  
Secretary  
Lowell Town Council

Alice Dahl  
Cedar Creek Township

Mindi Arnold-Buchler  
Director of Parks

## **CALL TO ORDER FOLLOWED BY PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:** Heidi Laub, Alice Dahl, Mark Myers and Mindi Arnold-Buchler. Other attendees: Kevin Gray, Matt VanDrunen and Amy Aldrich of Lowell Volunteer Fire Department. Will Farrellbegg was not present.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Matt VanDrunen and Amy Aldrich of Lowell Volunteer Fire Department addressed the committee for approval to use Freedom Park for their annual fundraiser. This year's fundraiser will be called Fall Fire Flannel Fest and will be hosted on September 18<sup>th</sup> and September 19<sup>th</sup>. After discussing their entertainment, set-up and general scope of the event Mr. VanDrunen asked if the committee would be willing to waive their fees for the use of the park. He also asked if they would permit alcohol on Freedom Park grounds during the event. Alice Dahl made a motion to waive the fees and permit alcohol use for this event. Mark Myers seconded that motion. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Alice Dahl made a motion to accept the January 2020 meeting minutes. Mark Myers seconded that motion. Motion carried.

**REVIEW OF FREEDOM PARK CLAIMS:** Alice Dahl made a motion to accept the claims. Mark Myers seconded that motion.

## **REPORTS:**

Director of Parks Update

### **Dog Park**

Mindi reported 39 members have registered for the dog park and they have collected \$1,955 in fees thus far. She also informed the committee that she utilizing the same messaging app the department uses for soccer at the dog park now. Mindi stated that upon registration the members are provided the information on how to register for the app. She also stated that this messaging alert was incorporated for the dog park members because issues or concerns do happen outside of normal office hours.

### **Shelter Fees/ Special Event Permit and Fees/ Food Vendor**

Mindi presented a proposal to the committee pertaining to shelter rentals and special events fees and a food vendor contract. She reviewed the proposals with the committee and stated if the committee would like to move forward, she would submit these fees and charges to the town council for approval and the permits to the town attorney.

After discussing the proposals, Heidi suggested the food vendor contract should state Freedom Park Committee Members should sign off on the vendor agreement. Other changes to be made to the food vendor contract were the addition of verbiage stating the revenue from the food vendors would be deposited into Freedom Park Improvement fund.

## **MAINTENANCE REPORT**

Kevin Gray reported the dog park gate has been repaired. Discussion on a different type of entry system or the possibility of replacing the aluminum gates with iron gates. Kevin suggested the iron gates would be a future project as they are expensive. Due to the costs of iron gates and the entry systems that have been investigated in the past, the committee decided not to change anything at this time.

Grating of the roads have taken place. Kevin continues to investigate a box grater for Freedom Park use.

**NEW BUSINESS:** New business was covered in reports.

**OLD BUSINESS:** No old business.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:** No announcements and correspondence.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Alice Dahl motioned to adjourn at 9:48am. Mark Myers seconded that motion. Motion carried.