

Freedom Park Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 26, 2021, Lowell Town Hall
Start Time: 5:00 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND CALL TO ORDER

Heidi Laub called the meeting to order and led the meeting attendees in speaking the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Roll call found board members Heidi Laub, Dorothy Eich, Alice Dahl and John Alessia were present. Other attendees included Craig Hendrix.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by John Alessia and seconded by Alice Dahl. Motion carried with four in favor and none opposed.

REVIEW OF FREEDOM PARK CLAIMS

Claims were presented to the committee. John Alessia made a motion to accept the claims and seconded by Alice Dahl. Motion carried with four in favor and none opposed. Heidi Laub requested that the claims be sent with the meeting packet so they can be reviewed prior to the meeting. Craig Hendrix agreed.

A proposed 2022 budget was provided to the Committee. Craig Hendrix suggested meeting with a sub-committee of Alice Dahl and Heidi Laub to review and make any revisions to the budget. A sub-committee budget meeting was set for November 10 at 10:00 am at Lowell Town Hall.

REPORTS

Craig Hendrix reported that mowing is still occurring.

OLD BUSINESS

Flannel Fest Update: Flannel Fest occurred on September 18. It was put on by the Lowell Volunteer Fire Department. It was a successful event.

Barktober Fest: Barktober Fest occurred on October 2. Dorothy Eich reported that it was a successful event. Proceeds from the sale of emergency stickers and coupon books will hopefully result in a donation of approximately \$1000 toward the Bark Park.

NEW BUSINESS

Walking Trail Update: Heidi Laub and Alice Dahl stated they had township funds available to pave the walking trail. They were not requesting the Committee utilize the Freedom Park funds. They have received quotes and selected a licensed contractor to complete the work according to township rules. Work should be complete before the end of the construction season.

Regrading: Craig Hendrix stated that the street department intends to grade the gravel parking lots and roads to remove potholes. The street department intends to utilize the town-owned dozer to complete the work. They are hoping to complete this work this year as time allows.

Park Office Demolition: Craig Hendrix stated the street department intends to demolish the former park office this winter. Costs to Freedom Park may include excavator rental and dumpster rental. Craig Hendrix will advise the Committee of the potential costs.

Water Service Connection: Craig Hendrix stated the street department intends to connect the potable water lines at the park to the town water system. The existing water lines are connected to a well whose equipment is housed within the park office. Craig stated that connecting the water service to the town's system now will save connection costs to Indiana-American when the utility ownership transfers. Costs to Freedom Park may include copper tubing, meter pit and water meter. Craig Hendrix will advise the Committee of the potential costs.

Memorial Trees: Craig Hendrix stated that there have been residents wishing to dedicate trees in memory of their loved ones. The Committee stated that they are okay with planting the trees at Freedom Park provided the costs are borne by the resident, the trees are a native species and that the trees are placed in areas where future sports fields will not be in conflict i.e., the gazebo or playground area.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

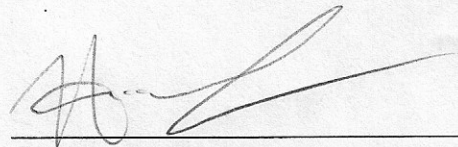
Next meeting of the Freedom Park Committee will be held on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 5:00 pm at Lowell Town Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

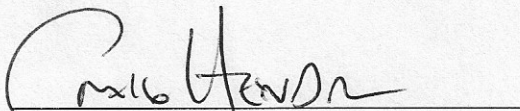
ADJOURNMENT

John Alessia made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Dorothy Eich. Motion carried with four in favor and none opposed.



Heidi Laub, Chairperson

Attest:



Craig Hendrix, Recording Secretary