

Freedom Park Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 8, 2022, 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, Cyndi Hughes and Kevin Gray.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

John Alessia made a motion to keep the officers as is. It was seconded by Alice Dahl. Motion carried with four in favor and none opposed.

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.

REPORTS

Kevin recently graded the parking lots and roadways. More stone may be necessary. Kevin has also performed maintenance on the mowing equipment.

OLD BUSINESS

Bark Park Update: Barktober Fest occurred on October 2. Dorothy Eich reported that Barktober Fest was a successful event. Proceeds from the sale of emergency stickers and coupon books resulted in a donation of \$1,500 toward the Bark Park.

Maintenance Update: Kevin Gray informed that the contractor that installed the asphalt on the walking path left some asphalt debris and ruts. Alice Dahl informed that the contractor would be returning to correct these items.

NEW BUSINESS

Bark Park ADA Improvements: Craig Hendrix informed that the town received approximately \$50,000 in Community Development Block Grant Funds to be used toward ADA improvements. The Town Council approved using these funds to reconstruct the parking lot and paths at the Bark Park. Craig presented a design sketch showing ADA improvements at the Bark Park and sidewalk and entrance improvements at the entrance to the park. The Committee endorsed the projects. Heidi Laub suggested adding a project that would complete the surfacing of the walking trail. Heidi will forward Craig a sketch depicting her thoughts on the trail addition.

Park Office Demolition: Craig Hendrix stated the street department still intends to demolish the former park office. The existing well will be retired and a connection to public water will be necessary before

demolition can begin. Costs to Freedom Park may include excavator rental. Craig advised the Committee of the potential costs.

Water Service Connection: Craig Hendrix stated Indiana American Water Company will 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 advised the costs for installing the service connection would be approximately \$1,500 and the well retirement would be approximately \$600. A monthly water usage fee would be a result of the connection.

Summer Staff: Craig Hendrix informed that the town anticipates the return of the two workers that mowed and maintained the park last year. Kevin would also be leading the maintenance of the park as a part-time employee. The returning employees will also receive an increase in their hourly rate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Next meeting of the Freedom Park Committee will be held on or around Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 5:00 pm at Lowell Town Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

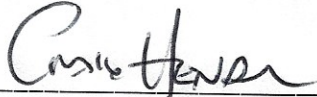
ADJOURNMENT

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