

Park Committee Meeting 5-11-2016

Meeting called to order 7:00pm. Present: Dean Wallen, Jaynie Wells, Diane Wickline, Arla Chevess

Excused: Dave Chevess

Diane moved to accept minutes from previous meeting. Arla second. Motion passed.

Communications

- Dean presented an article about Allerton Park in northern Illinois about a \$400K donation to the park.

Loop Creek

- Arla has done research on the composting toilets and found the \$23K is best because maintenance of compost is 1 year and monthly of fluids, also is environmentally friendly
- Basketball hoops are fixed

Centennial Park

- May 14 volunteer day – 9am to noon
 - Rotary, Heartlands Conservancy, girl scouts, boy scouts will be there
- Looking into limestone on the path, current bid \$10.40 per ton delivered

Good of the committee –

- Monarch Stations –
 - The committee met at Effingers
 - Jaynie prepared proposal for the township board approval on May 24 – see page 2 of minutes

Motion to adjourn Diane, second Arla

- Meeting adjourned 8:00pm

Monarch Stations – Whiteside, High Mount, and Wolf Branch schools

The Park committee is proposing St. Clair Township install Monarch Stations at each of the above schools. Whiteside and Wolf Branch gardens will be located by the tennis courts. High Mount school wants the garden installed by their new community garden. The monarch butterflies are in need of these stations, and it is a great learning tool for the community and schools. We have contacted each school and have received excellent feedback from them.

Whiteside School would like to have the science teacher involved in the maintenance as a learning tool for her class. Also, the girl scouts would like to help maintain the garden there.

High Mount school wants to install it as part of the new community garden which is part of their curriculum.

Wolf Branch School has Boy Scout Troup 52 who wants to make this part of their program.

We met with Effinger’s nursery who recommended a 5x5 ft area raised bed in each location, with compost for dirt, and mulched. Rick Effinger said we will have better luck with the garden if we remove the sod and start with a composted bed. We are able to plant all summer long, with June being the primary month. Mulch and compost may be purchased through St. Louis Compost. We have a couple options for edging.

We recommend the employees install the beds at Whiteside and Wolf Branch schools. High Mount school wants to install it themselves as part of their curriculum. Once the beds have been composted and mulched the schools and/or scouts will plant the beds. We also recommend a sign be posted at the garden with something like “Presented in cooperation with St. Clair Township and the local community in an effort to build a better tomorrow”.

Effingers –

- Flowers \$50 per location. \$150.00 total
- Organic fertilizer \$20.00 is enough for all 3 locations
- Herbicide – Prine \$20.00 is enough for all 3 locations

St. Louis Compost –

- Compost needed 1 yard - \$25.00 should be enough for all 3 locations
- Mulch needed 1 yard – Natural - \$19.00, Oak \$26.00 (should be enough for 3 locations)
- They will deliver for \$120.00, or the township can pick it up

Edging –

- Landscape timber edging option
 - Home Depot, Lowe’s and Menards Landscape timber all priced \$3.47 per 8 ft lengths
 - 8 needed (stack 2) x 3 locations needed \$83.28 total
 - Rebar to reinforce –
 - Home Depot - ½ inch x 10ft \$5.20
 - We need 12 (4 per location) \$62.40
- Railroad ties edging option
 - Home Depot was cheapest on RR ties - \$9.57 per 8 ft
 - 4 x 3 locations needed \$114.84
 - Rebar to reinforce –
 - Home Depot - ½ inch x 10ft \$5.20
 - We need 12 (4 per location) \$62.40