

## Park Committee Meeting 6-8--2016

Meeting called to order 7:04pm. Present: Dean Wallen, Jaynie Wells, Dave Chevess, Arla Chevess

Excused: Doris Rebenstorff, Diane Wickline

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

### Communications

- None

### Loop Creek

- No new business

### Centennial Park

- Next volunteer day July 16 from 7-10am. Wolf Branch Boy Scout Troup 52 will be the main organization volunteering

### Good of the committee –

- Monarch Stations –
  - Scouts may not be available until end of June or early July to plant the wolf branch bed
  - Jaynie will check with Dave on timeframe for construction and delivery

### Motion to adjourn Dean, second Dave

- Meeting adjourned 7:42pm

### 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