

## St. Clair Township Park Committee Meeting 6-14-2017

Meeting called to order 7:00pm. Present: Don Wallace, Brian Dulski, Dean Wallen, Jaynie Wells

Absent: Diane Wickline

Minutes – Wells moved to accept minutes from previous meeting, Wallen second. Motion passed.

### Communications

- Wallace to talk with Hudson Tree Service regarding additional bid to remove deadwood from Centennial Park. They have arborist on staff.

### Loop Creek

- Crew working on playground installation, mulch needed, should conclude 6/16.
- Wells: MEPRD grant now 40% suggests restroom facility at Loop Creek, but sheriff opposed
- Wallace: There is a need to develop overall plan for Loop Creek including but not limited to: paths, restroom, benches, pavilion, water fountains and hose connection, electric, lighting, resurface rink and courts, trees, shade. A plan will allow for incremental installation as funds allow. Difficult to move forward without a plan in place.
- Wells: Ron Stuckle, engineer on bathrooms, created a design a while back. Will forward to board for review.
- Action Item: All members were asked to come to next meeting having examined the park and ready to suggest additional amenities.
- Wallace: Keep an eye out for residents near park to join in our efforts to improve park as local buy-in is important.

### Centennial Park

- Bid received from Meuer Bros for deadwooding of Centennial Park proposed nature play area \$14,000. Wallace to explore additional bid from Hudson Tree Service.
- Dulski to incorporate official bid and labor costs into proposal to present at July meeting.
- Wells: Honeysuckle should be a priority. Perhaps a prisoner work day? Wallace to contact sheriff's office regarding the possibility.
- Wallace: Consider applying ag lime to entire walking trail. Consider installing benches for a rest, lunch space, reflection opportunity, wildlife viewing, etc. About every ¼ mile. The benches could be memorial benches with the opportunity to have them funded through donations. A few picnic tables would also be a welcome addition.
- Action Item: Wallace asked board to come to July meeting with additional ideas for Centennial Park
- Wallen: Presented windmill aeration system as method to keep pond clear.
- Wells: Goats could eat the honeysuckle in a given area.
- Wallace: Bikes use walking trail. Potential safety hazard. Consider additional trail better suited for bikes as loop trails receive heavier use.

### New Business

- Dulski: Restrooms with water recommended at White Side and Wolf Branch tennis courts. Shade is also necessary. Seating as well. A tree was felled a few years ago and should be replaced at the Wolf Branch court nearest the Huntwood and Timberlake intersection. Also consider trees on eastern side of Wolf Branch courts to provide morning shade.
- Wells: Restroom also necessary at Loop Creek
- Wallace: Need to make sure boundaries correct. Will ask Barnes for most updated map of township.

## Old Business

- None

## Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn Dulski, second Wells. Passed.
- Meeting adjourned 8:19pm

Next Meeting - July 12, 2017