

St. Clair Township Park Committee Meeting Minutes 04-11-2018

Meeting to order 7:00pm

Theresa Hubert, Tonda VenHoos, Linda Wallace, Don Wallace, Brian Dulski, Deborah Barnes

Linda motion to approve March minutes, Theresa Second, Approved

Board Update:

- Stuckel putting bid packets together and to be put out to be completed by end of summer
- Centennial clean-up still ongoing, much debris cleared
- Summer employee to be hired and could help with parks
- Considering toilet facility at Loop Creek and improved toilet facility at Centennial

Volunteer Tree Planting Day:

- Barnes receiving lots of interest from groups and individuals
- Holes already bored on near side of creek, far side to be bored Thursday
- Board to bring shovels to help make sure holes are suitable for trees
- Board to also bring wheel barrows to transport trees to holes
- Arrive around 8:15 as trees are expected by 8:30a
- Canopy to be set up for sign in area

Centennial Park Nature Play Space:

- Overall impression is very positive. Ground mostly cleared. Still a few piles of debris.
- Lots of enthusiasm from committee and board is also happy with progress.
- Order from Forrest Keeling Nursery received. A few of the species have been changed. Wallace provided descriptions of each tree to help answer questions from volunteers.
- Many people from other communities have commented how the wooded area is a huge asset and that few communities have this type of park.
- Deer recently spotted in park.
- Fall tree planting being considered.

Upcoming fiscal year:

- Additional plantings along bike path.
- Clean up debris in next area to make more attractive.
- Some places have very large old trees and canopy will thin and scrub brush will fill in. Must continue to plant, especially since ash continues to die off.
- Creek stabilization may need to be investigated as erosion is becoming more evident. Army Corps is to come out in a few weeks and examine stream banks to determine if remedy required.
- St. Clair County Transit District (might be county) is considering putting a bridge over Richland Creek. Potential to partner so that a more robust bridge can be built to handle larger equipment.
- Illinois Department of Natural Resources may be able to stock the pond so people can catch more fish.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:49p