

St. Clair Township Park Committee Meeting Minutes 03/08/2022

Meeting to order 7:02pm

Present: Bob Buechler, Brian Dulski, Don Wallace, Tonda Vanhoos, Shelly Korves

Guest: Mike Quirin

Don motion to approve minutes, Second Bob, Approved

Public Comment:

Mike Quirin here to ask permission to do a fundraising effort to raise funds for Centennial Park improvement. He is president of the Richland Creek Improvement Association. Do painted paddles and place them around the park. Different themes. Like a treasure hunt. Do not make the paddles to sell them, but to be found. The little one is in the park and it corresponds to a painted larger paddle. The little one is then traded in for the big one. RCIA is willing to do it and pay for it. Board to put on agenda for next meeting.

Centennial Park:

- Creek bank work on hold due to weather.
- Playground – Hanks is ready and waiting on the weather to cooperate.
- Updates: Photo gazebo could go near current high ground near walking bridge
- Larger gazebo could go on a high spot
- Thacker was in agreement to allow the park to improve the path around the pond and asked to post a fence and/or signage to discourage going up and down the steep hill by Thacker auto body.
- Will need quite a bit of rip rap to stabilize the bank in places where erosion is taking place.
- Could take power from the pole on 161 already over the creek.
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Loop Creek:

- Met Ron and architect to do final walk through at the Loop Creek bathroom. Several punch list items not yet complete. Spigot on back of building, but needed one in the utility room to be able to clean the restrooms. That pushes back our ability to be reimbursed by MEPRD.
- Still waiting on YMCA for park programming. Three youth camps at the park. Township can help to subsidize families that are unable to afford the camps.
- Tennis courts net are being bent to accommodate pickleball and may have permanently damaged the poles.

Wolf Branch/Whiteside/High Mount:

- John Tylka reached out to Korves and volunteered to maintain the butterfly gardens at both schools.

Good of the Order:

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Bob motion to adjourn, Don seconded, passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:47pm.