

St. Clair Township Park Committee Meeting Minutes 08/10/2021

Meeting to order 7:01pm

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

Tonda motion to approve minutes, Don Second, Approved

Centennial Park:

- Stock signs have been ordered should arrive 3-4 weeks. Custom signs are being designed and the proofs will need to be approved. Information received from Will Shannon for historical info on signs and small display in lobby of township building.
- Two of three permits acquired for Richland Creek bank repair. Bid already approved and waiting on final permit.
- Bathroom being painted on Aug 18-19. Power wash, prep and paint. Repairs have been made and water is running and hot water available.
- Park clean-up day. October 16. Need to put it on sewer bill and contact the local scout groups. Consider Swansea report.
 - Lots of trash to pick up in ravine near streets and off the paths in general.
 - May consider honeysuckle removal if enough labor.
- A vehicle bridge to be considered to be able to get equipment and emergency vehicles over Richland Creek. Very difficult to maintain far side of creek with current situation.
- Swansea would like a trail from neighborhood to the bike trail and would consider parking spots for additional capacity.
- Swansea also has the pdf of the sign and would share so we can reprint.

Loop Creek:

- Phase II has started. Equipment on site and initial excavation beginning.
- Vandalism is down from the spree a few months ago. Took down a shed that was on park property that may have been a site for nefarious activity.
- Bouse management was happy to coordinate with township on neighborhood watch, using his conference room to hold meetings.
- Consider if additional lighting would deter additional vandalism. Lighting district may be able to help.
- Mulch has been put down. Two loads.
- Potential for a park program to engage residents in activities to build rapport and get people to know that the park is there. Potential for sponsors to be involved. Signage to promote in a few properties near the park.
 - Birding
 - Touch a truck
 - Halloween patch/Easter egg hunt
 - Tie died iguana lizard touch

Wolf Branch/Whiteside/High Mount:

- Nothing to report.

Grants:

- No word yet on MEPRD final determination for elements in Centennial.
- St. Clair County Parks Grants Commission has also not yet made determination.

Shelly motion to adjourn, Bob seconded, passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:46pm.