

St. Clair Township Park Committee Meeting Minutes 09/12/2023

Meeting to order 7:00pm

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

Guest: none

Tonda motion to approve minutes, Second Don, Approved

Public Comment:

- none

Centennial Park:

- MEPRD 23 project finished and final payment made. Will then apply for reimbursement from MEPRD. Overall good quality by Stutz.
- Picnic tables arrived and will be placed in park tomorrow.
- On calendar for removal of three dead trees by Muerer Bros.
- Looking forward...informational sign, replace the covered picnic tables, seal lot, markings, trails to pavilion, adding parking and new posts and wire rope.
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Loop Creek:

- One toilet repaired. Electrician repaired door. Back open and will hope that vandalism subsides.
- Bid opening is 11:00am on Sept 21 for Loop Creek pickleball court installation and basketball court resurfacing. St. Clair County grant will be applied to this project.
- All About Owls this weekend. Marketing via social media and Kevin Bouse is promoting to his residents near the park as he operates many rental properties in the area.
- Sheriff's office has not followed up on vandalism. Although the vandals were caught on video, they have not been identified and the sheriff's office does not seem interested or have the capacity to follow-up.
- Will email information to White Side and Belle Valley.

Wolf Branch/Whiteside/High Mount:

- Will investigate for replacement or repair as some of the cracks are widening at WB rink and courts.
- Busses are parking at the tennis court lots and several people have called to complain that there are no spots. Supervisor to inquire with Wolf Branch about parking busses elsewhere.
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Good of the Order:

- Open House: Noon-3:00
- Greenfield to grill and be asked to secure food. 200 dogs, buns, water, chips, condiments and boats. Also a grill and implements.
- Someone to direct traffic to Bobbie Dr. and Bob along Bobbie to park them.

- Documentary at gazebo along with photo contest winners. Dulski to bring tv and table and a few chairs. A way to secure photos. Also print photos.
- Dulski canopy for Quirin.
- Shelly to inquire about a prize for scavenger hunt. Dulski to operate the scavenger hunt.
- Musician under pavilion.

Educational Series in 2024:

- Don recommended the forester with IDNR. Marion based. Don to contact and see if he is able to provide some educational offerings.
- Supervisor has inquired with World Bird Sanctuary, Butterfly House, Endangered Wolf Center, Bee Keepers of St. Clair County, Tye Dye Iguana, Mobile Movies, Illinois River Watch
- MEPRD is considering amending the event grant to include educational series. Will know more in a few months.

Shelly motion to adjourn, Tonda seconded, passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:53pm.