

St. Clair Township Park Committee Meeting Minutes 03/12/2024

Meeting to order 7:00pm

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

Guest: none

Tonda motion to approve minutes, Second Shelly, Approved

Public Comment:

- none

Centennial Park:

- IDNR grant has been pursued. Grant due March 22. Have gathered required materials and engineering is nearly complete. Will meet with engineer to review submission on March 18.
- Wednesday, March 6 (night) shots were reported at Centennial Park. Swansea Police responded, but no one was at the park when they arrived. Shell casings recovered, but no suspects were apprehended. Bathroom facility was damaged by bullet fire.
- There was a homeless encampment under the 161 bridge. Swansea Police were called and asked the man to leave.
- \$100,000 state appropriation approved for St. Clair Township. Will be utilized for covered picnic tables, informational sign and parking extension. Potentially to be combined with MEPRD or County grant.
- Security cameras could be installed at Centennial.
- Fishing dock consideration for MEPRD
- Photo props

Loop Creek:

- Are considering contacting principal at Belle Valley to attempt to identify vandals caught on video.
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Wolf Branch/Whiteside/High Mount:

- The rink is not township property and we will have to acquire the parcel if we want to utilize grant funds to refurbish/rebuild the rink. Dulski to talk to Wolf Branch re: the district's preference. Board feels that we should move forward with the project and apply for the MEPRD with this project IF the district deeds the property over to the township. Otherwise, the district will need to repair.
- Tennis courts were deeded to the township, but the rink was not.

Park Programming

- May 19 Richland Creek Improvement Association Scavenger Hunt – Centennial 1:00-5:00

- June 8 Endangered Wolf Sanctuary – Centennial noon-1:00
- Aug 17 All About Owls – Centennial noon-1:00
- Sept 21 Raptor Awareness – Loop Creek noon-1:00
- Will create flyers to promote and promote online.

Good of the Order:

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Don motion to adjourn, Tonda seconded, passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:54pm.