

St. Clair Township – Volunteer Park Committee Meeting, October 11, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Present: Don Wallace, Brian Dulski, Diane Wickline, Dean Wallen

Minutes: Wallace moved to approve September minutes, Wallen second, motion passed

Updates:

- Met with Ameren at Loop Creek. Need a service road in order for Ameren to be able to install a light pole in the northern section of the park. Barnes approved.
- Ag lime has been applied along the walking paths in Centennial Park.
- Park bench donated by Belleville News-Democrat will be installed along walking path. Will have plaque. Two more on walk path and two more on bike path to be installed. Board to identify specific spots and locate potential sponsors.
- Township crew has removed some of the trees along walking paths that were deceased.

Grants:

- Ron Stuckel: Survey completed at Loop Creek. Survey was required to apply for MEPRD grant. May attend November meeting to gather input from board on potential park amenities.
- Heartlands Conservancy was awarded a USDA tree grant. Township will explore if there is a re-grant opportunity.

Centennial Park:

- Interpretive signage under consideration for Centennial Park for educational purposes. Explain the type of woodland, what are the native species, types of wildlife, invasive species, pollution impacts, positive benefits of urban woodlands, pollinator crisis. Would be a resource for local teachers to bring students to learn about native plants and animals.
- Park entrance signage and potential tree removal along 161 for safety.
- Volunteer Day – Sat, Oct 21 9:00 - Noon – Wallace will talk to Barnes re: signage to attract volunteers. Girl scouts to attend. Will plant some trees and remove invasive honeysuckle. Concentrate on 10-15 feet off walking path for aesthetics and safety. Cut yawanamus from base of tree. Ask wells to post volunteer day on Friends of Centennial Park Facebook page. Grill out and beverages.

Good of the Committee:

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Adjournment:

- Wallen moved to adjourn, seconded by Wallace, Passed.
- Meeting Adjourned 7:51pm