

St. Clair Township – Volunteer Park Committee Meeting, August 9, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Present: Don Wallace, Brian Dulski, Jaynie Wells

Minutes: Wells moved to approve minutes, Dulski second, motion passed

Camera purchased and installed at Loop Creek

Community Trees Program (US Forest Service administered by Morton Arboretum) grant submitted Mon, Aug 7

MEPRD Grant Discussion

Township board authorized moving forward on getting bids for MEPRD grant application. Benches, path composition (ag lime, asphalt, or wood chips) discussed. October 21, 2017 will be volunteer day in Centennial Park to plant trees, native plants, remove honeysuckle, and spray yawanamus.

If grant awarded will need to determine location of 100 trees in Centennial. Some open canopy already and more expected with the ash trees that will die in the near future due to ash borer.

Will need to discuss what function the field area will serve at Loop Creek. Only large enough for T-Ball or 10U soccer. With a surplus of these types of fields, may be better served finding a different use for fields.

Potential for a full-time staff person to be dedicated to park maintenance. Board will discuss.

Wells recommends utilizing prison labor to pull honeysuckle.

Will explore moving a few of the already estimated expenses to the St. Clair County Parks Grants Commission.

Community Trees Grant discussed. Grant submitted and was well received by administrator. Will know determination by Aug 21.

New Business:

- Will need to stake out tree planting locations for Centennial Park. Possibly Bob Beuchler.

Good of the Committee:

Adjournment:

- Dulski moved to adjourn, seconded by Wells, Passed.
- Meeting Adjourned 7:55pm