

St. Clair Township Park Committee Meeting Minutes 06-13-2018

Meeting to order 7:00pm

Theresa Hubert, Tonda VenHoos, Linda Wallace, Don Wallace, Brian Dulski

Linda motion to approve April minutes, Theresa Second, Approved

Board Update:

- Stuckel attended last meeting and will submit Loop Creek items to MEPRD for grant consideration.
- Ron to get prices on survey at Centennial.
- Dave informed board that his workers have been doing quite a bit in Centennial and it is really starting to show.
- Morton folks here last Thursday and they felt everything looked good, but we haven't spent up to the \$15,000 on trees. Won't be able to do so because purchase cannot be approved and check cut before grant deadline. Possibility to purchase via credit card and submit receipt.

Loop Creek:

- Linda states that Dave's workers are doing a really good job of keeping the trees watered and they are looking really good. All of them made it through the winter.
- Light poles are in and Ameren waiting for lights (LED). Light District will pay the electric bill which should be fairly small because lights are LED and do not draw a lot of power.
- Considering toddler swings.

Centennial Park:

- Linda walked park and found 87 of the 90 trees and the black walnut and oaks haven't done as well, but everything else is looking pretty good and has leafed out.
- Loose pieces installed for children to move around.
- Stump jump had additional stumps installed to make steps down.
- Volunteers have been removing stinging nettle.
- Kyle has been doing a really good job of improving the nature area and people are noticing and liking it.
- Piles of dirt would make for a cheap installation that kids will use. Maybe four piles of a ten ton dump?
- Volunteers encountered families searching for painted rocks.
- Volunteers can take marker paint and put down a line for a potential path through nature play space to encourage movement through area.

Grants:

- MEPRD just issued 2019 grant guidelines and we will be applying as mentioned above.
- Morton grant may or may not be available in 2019. Will apply if grant funds are available.
- Intend to apply for St Clair County Parks Recs Grant to renovate restroom at Centennial Park.

New Business:

- Scout Troop 588 would like to do service project. Maybe flowers or pick up trash. Tonda, Linda, and Theresa to get with Sabrina to determine project and create plan.
- Park committee is authorized to get shirts to stimulate questions and get people talking about the parks. Tonda will design and get approval from Dave.
- Dave would like to see if we can get a few more benches donated. \$600 includes plaque recognizing benefactor. Tonda to ask around. Township will install.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:57