

Stookey Township  
Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting

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**29 July 2021**

ATTENDEES

Mark Bagby-Board

Dan Weaver-Board

Gary Green

John Paul Goelz

Karen Phillips

Vance Vyers

Meeting was called to order at 6:38pm

**Minutes from the last meeting-**

**Gary wanted to make the addition of the following mission statement- The Parks and Rec (P&R) committee will advise and assist Township Trustees in the management of Stookey Township parks and green spaces. The committee will direct the development of a “Park Master Plan”, address immediate Park maintenance and facilities issues, and be a source of research and develop for Park growth including funding for projects and activities that will improve and grow the Park.**

Motion to approve made by Vance and 2nd by Mark.

The grant paperwork was submitted on Friday, July 16th at 2:44pm. to the St. Clair County Parks Grant Commission. Question was asked by Gary, has the Township applied for a grant before? There had been a grant applied for around 2006. Gary would like to see if a search can be done to find the document.

Gary shared a couple of re-bids that were sent with the grant. 3 of them were from the prior bids done in 2017. All were close in price and not much more than the original 2017 bids. Dan also shared information he got from Forever Lawn which is a playground grass with a 15 year warranty. They will be sending a formal bid. He also found that Sonnenburg has a triple ground mulch that is \$34 a square yard, this would be for around the swing area. Mark said he will re-work a bid sheet and will look at cost, quality warranty, service and part of the criteria for the winning bid.

Troubled areas of the park were looked at and identified as to what needs attention and what needs immediate attention-

- Park benches
- Cleaning and Care of playground equipment
- Condition of health and wellness stations: A couple of them have loose bolts and some are stiff moving.
- Woodland tree care: Dan had talked to sewer company who could possibly help with a brush hog to remove weeds. Dan also looked at prices for grinding up stumps. That cost could range anywhere from \$200 up for one stump. Renting a stump grinder and doing the work ourselves would save money. Renting a stump grinder would be \$150 for a day. Dan to look into bids for dead trees to be removed and it was also suggested to talk to an arborist to see what trees could be saved.
- Shelters need attention: Power washed then stained or painted.
- Master plan: Maybe get a grant to help with that. Possibly a community Grant or Park grant.

Items that need immediate attention-

- Trash container repairs: Parts can no longer be found, current containers do not have covers which are needed as well as more are needed around the park. Mark has found a couple of possible replacements and will bring them to the next meeting. It was also discussed that it would be better to move trash cans away from the benches as well.

- Trail repair: John Paul will contact Atlanta and Moore asphalt to find out the cost as well as looking into a path from Coventry into the trail. This will allow better access for emergency equipment as well maintenance equipment.
- Dirt to fill in holes
- Dumpster fencing needs repairs
- Littering signs

#### **Suggestions for future additions to the park-**

- Dan suggested bat houses: Would help to eliminate mosquitoes naturally.
- Frisbee golf
- Pickleball courts
- Pavilion to possibly rent out
- Baroque pit
- Badminton or volleyball court
- Water fountain or water bottle filler (most people use water bottles and would be more sanitary than drinking fountain)

Mark suggested a work day towards the end of September. Would ask for volunteers from the community to come help clean up the brush, stumps and possibly the shelters. Date that was looked at was Saturday, Sept. 25th, 2021 from 8am-12pm.

Mark said that cameras and system for the security system will be installed soon. They will be located at the outside entrances of the bathrooms, looking at parking lot and looking at playground.

A Geocache presentation will be done at the next meeting.

Next meeting date was set as Tuesday, August 24th, 2021 at 6:30pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm.