

Genoa Township Parks Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2015

1. Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM

Members present: Mark Harmon (Chair)
David Blair (Vice Chair)
Diana Howell
Kent Trofholz
Molly McHale
Jan Wise
Phil Johnson
Dorothy Driskell
Ray Duvall

Members absent: Laurie Schulze
Jessica Mager
Michael Collins

Others present: Ron Keil (staff)

Call meeting to order 7:01 pm by Chairperson

1. The meeting minutes for February 4, 2015 were reviewed and approved. Motion made by Dorothy Driskell and seconded by Diana Howell.
2. The meeting minutes for January were lost in computer crash. Secretary Blair is working to reconstruct as best possible for next meeting.
3. March 28, 2015 will be the Genoa Easter Egg Hunt at Westerville Central High School. The Parks Board will have a table at the event. We need volunteers to work the table. The time will be 10:00 -12:00 am. The board will have some foam boards to display at the table. Displaying information for the Friends of Genoa bike ride and then if something can be put together for the car show would be good for advertising these events. Friends of Genoa will be contacted to also work the table. E-mail Linda Grecco to provide information to display on the foam boards.
4. Mark Harmon presented additional plans for the car show fund raiser he is assisting Friends of Genoa with. The date is set for April 29, 2015. There will be an entry fee for each car to raise money. Dorothy Driskell volunteered to assist Mr. Harmon with planning the event. Mark will be handing out fliers advertising the show at other shows. Additionally it can be advertised on the Friends of Genoa website.

5. Mark Harmon and Dorothy attend the Genoa Township Land Conservation Association (GTLCA) meeting. GTLCA manages the open space conservation areas. The Association is looking for the Parks Board assistance and guidance but it is hard to determine how the two really would interact. Mark recommended a Parks Board member attend roughly once a quarter and not every meeting. Meeting are the second Wed. of the month. Dorothy volunteered to attend again.
6. Parks Manager Report:
 - a. Freeman Road - Ron Keil presented the progress on the Freeman Road improvements. Weather postponed the excavation for the new court. It was suggested we have a summer meeting at Freeman Road to review the new installations.
 - b. Worthington Gardens – Ron addressed again that the 30K / 30K matching grant application from Fish & Wildlife was submitted last month. We will not hear word regarding receiving the Grant until most likely June.
Ron is now on the Board with the Isaac Walton league which is assisting in the support of the Fleur Road Wetlands and educational center project.
7. Committee Assignments – All the board members that applied for continued service to the board were approved. No new board members were assigned to the board. All members expressed desire to remain on their committees which leaves a manpower problem on the Trails Committee with Diana as the only member. Discussions ensued regarding value of the committees, reassignments, and staffing “special projects” of the committees. Discussion will continue next meeting. Most committee members found value in the committees. The primary value of each was spearheading primary objectives determined by the Parks Board each year, i.e. McNamara Barn, no-mow areas, prioritizing trail connections and improvements.
8. Barn presentation to the Trustees is scheduled for March 19, meeting.
9. Board planned on working on the Center Green Park recommendations at the April meeting.

Rolling Items List :

- A. **McNamara Park plan wrap up – map, narrative and budget of future development – Ron is making progress with creating the maps for the parks to go along with the report for this park.**
- B. **Freeman Road Park plan wrap up – map, narrative and budget of future development - Ron is making progress with creating the maps for the parks to go along with the report for this park.**
- C. **Hilmar Park – Contact schools regarding trail connection to school and future education center. - Kent will work with Diana to talk with the Westerville schools.**
- D. **Event Flyers to pass out at events – reach out to high school art departments to see if there is an interest in participating in flyer creation.**
 - Linda Grecco has finished up scheduling. Be sure it has included all known Friends of Genoa events.
 - Having the schools help with a flyer is good idea but needs to wait until next year. Mark has a draft flyer that can be adapted and used for finalizing this years tri-fold flyer.
 - There was further discussion regarding the use of other social medias to get Township information out to the public. Twitter would be valuable for this. Dave and Mark to check with Paul if we have a Genoa Twitter account and how we can set up or utilize.

- E. Review packets going to residents surrounding different parks – Joe used to handle this.**
Agreed that scope of contact should change to a street or neighborhood range. Actual notification method still open for discussion. See also social media discussion above. Posting of park plans and park reviews on the parks bulletin boards is suggested.
- F. Guidelines for no mow areas – This is being included in the comprehensive plan discussions and is intended to be incorporate into the comp. plan.**
- G. Grants**
 - There is a Freeman Road accessible surface Grant started.
 - Additional Grants may depend on how the filling of Joe Clase's position is staffed.

Dorothy Driskell moved to adjourn, Jan Wise seconded.
Adjourned meeting 8:34.