

Genoa Township Parks Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

September 2, 2015

1. Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM

Members present: Mark Harmon (Chair)
David Blair (Vice Chair)
Diana Howell
Kent Trofholz
Phil Johnson
Dorothy Driskell

Members absent: Laurie Schulze
Molly McHale
Ray Duvall
Jan Wise

Others present: Ron Keil (staff)

Call meeting to order 7:02 pm by Chairperson

1. May meeting minutes are not available we will review. There were no meetings in June, July and August.
2. Friends of Genoa was not in attendance at the meeting. The friends are currently working to provide bike racks for parks. The Parks Board will encourage them to present a plan to the Parks Board for review prior to moving forward with these being placed.
The Board received clarification from Ron Keil that the projects that Friends of Genoa want to fund get reviewed and recommendations from Ron and then the Parks Board before ultimate approval by the Trustees.
The Board will issue an invitation to Friends of Genoa for the next meeting.
3. "McNamara Pond" has improved with the most recent eagle scout project plantings. Ron will continue to allow eagle scout projects to assist with improvements in the parks. Ron has learned the scouts should increase their responsibilities when performing these projects including fund raising to buy the materials.
4. The use of McNamara Park as a staging and dumping ground for construction waste sends a message that Genoa Township does not respect the parks as an amenity to the Township. In addition to appearance the heavy construction traffic on the paving is and will continue to damage the paving. This paving is not designed for trucks and equipment of this weight. This

could cost the township additional money in the near future. The Parks Board will address these concerns directly to the trustees in writing as Board members and residents.

5. The McNamara Barn has not been addressed by the trustees. This is of concern to the Parks Board. Continued lack of action will further deteriorate the barn and the appearance of the park.

The Parks Board would like to recommend the allocation of \$25,000.00 for the slab and structural stabilization for the barn. This would include a volunteer day to clean out the barn and make it safe inside as well as providing some preparations for slab and stabilization work.

6. Parks manager report:
 - a. All the bridges in the parks have been re-stained. 3 at Centergreen, 1 at Africa, 1 at Big Walnut.
 - b. 6 of the 29 newly planted trees at Freeman Road died but the rest are doing well.
 - c. The basketball court at Freeman has been moved, the shelter house at Freeman was stained. New playground equipment was installed and the old basketball court was turned into an accessible picnic area with new access paths and 4 new accessible picnic tables. This was made possible by an accessible grant providing matching funds up to a maximum amount for accessible improvements.

Delaware County has expressed interest in assisting in the design and planning of further accessible improvements at the Genoa Township Parks.

Freeman Road is essentially completed per the plan prepared in 2014 by the Parks Board. Ron was very pleased with the accomplishments over the summer. It appears some more direct control of the Parks summer staff by the Parks Director would improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the staff in the future.

7. Fishing day is September 19, 2015 from 9:00 – 1:00 at Hilmar Park.
8. Movie Night – The Board suggests providing a classic movie for an adult audience next year which would expand the audience on one of the movie nights to provide diversity of age using the parks.
9. Engaging the assisted living homes (most likely bringing an activity offering to them) might be another way to engage some older residences of the Township.

The next meeting will be held at Freeman Road Park. There will be further discussions on what park to propose improvements in for next year based upon further studies by the Parks Board.

Rolling Items List : see attached and update.

- A. The Fleur road wetland grant was not approved but Ron will reapply.
- B. The proposal to develop a wild flower program for points along the paths will be revisited next meeting.

Moved to adjourn, Diana Howell, Jan Wise seconded.
Adjourned meeting 8:23.