

# Genoa Township Parks Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2011

## 1. Call to Order: Mark Harmon called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM

Members present: Mark Harmon (Chairman)  
Dorothy Driskell  
Diana Howell  
Teresa Yu  
Joe Looby  
Bob Helm  
Phil Johnson  
Sherri Schechinger  
Nancy Smith  
John Herschl  
Jan Wise  
Laurie Schulze

Members absent: Ron Staab (Vice Chairman)  
Dick Rano

Others present: Rick Carfagna (Trustee)  
Paul Wise (Staff)  
Joe Clase (Staff)  
Ron Keil (Staff)  
Evelyn w/ GTLCA (guest)

## 2. Meeting minutes approved – motion for approval by Dorothy Driskell; seconded by Jan Wise

### 3. Park Manager's Report-Ron Keil

- There will be a Nature Photography Clinic on April 12 at 6:00 PM (handout provided)
- Goose Control Clinic will be held Tuesday, March 8 at 6:00 PM in the Administration Office. This will be go over the plan for Canada goose control – review what to do, organize the team and set a date to hunt for nests.
  - Goose control measures will occur in the parks that have water – Hilmar, Center Green and Grand Oaks
  - Teams will go in groups of two, locate nests and shake ~~one~~ each egg
- Example of the new signage of park rules
  - Two signs per park will go up in the next month
- Bids for accessibility items
  - Bids were rec'd last Thursday (2-24); rec'd three bids
  - Awarded to 2K General
  - Three projects will start in the spring/summer
- Center Green plan was presented to residents (home owners associate representatives)
  - Want to put in a pier and permanent restrooms
  - No objections

- February 2011 – Monthly Activity Report distributed
  - Meant to be a supplement to the open space plan
  - Committee members are noted as contacts on each park sheet; contacts were assigned based on their interest
  - Contacts are meant to be the point person for questions
- Specific park discussions
  - Township Hall Park – want to put in birdfeeders and benches
  - Freeman Road – Additional trees are in the plan but may take some time; don't have the staff to do it now; Legacy Program may also be a means to provide trees in the parks sooner
- Red light at Freeman Road/3C is going out to bid soon; project will begin over the summer
- Bike Rally – May 21
  - Planning meeting will be Friday, March 11 at 8:00 AM in the Administration Offices
  - Riders will pay a fee (don't know the fee amount yet) and all fees will go to the Legacy Program
  - Should distribute flyers to a cycling group that meets at Hoover (Westerville Bike Club?)
- Ribbon cutting at the gardens will be March 24 at 5:30 PM
- PAB Newsletter
  - Ron Staab's first draft
  - "Ron Keil's Corner" will feature something about a park each month
  - Ron Staab would like feedback
  - Intent is to have this ready for the next meeting; will be looking to prepare these several months at a time
  - This will be part of township welcome packs; could be provided to realtors; and will be distributed via email listserv
- Open House – April 6 meeting
  - Will be showcasing improvement updates; Legacy program; etc.
  - Focus on inviting neighbors of parks that will receive improvements over the next year
  - Subcommittee groups will make presentations

#### 4. Subcommittee breakout sessions to discuss Open House presentations

- Park Improvements and Community Outreach
- Trail Connections and Accessibility
- Natural Resources and Sustainability
- Funding Partners and Events and Programs

#### 5. Breakout session conclusions

- Park Improvements and Community Outreach
  - Monthly report has good content for the April 6 meeting
  - Create a power point presentation for each park, leaving ample time for questions
  - Assigned contact for each park would handle the Q&A for their park
- Natural Resources and Sustainability
  - Did not see anything missing in Monthly Report
  - Will contact assigned representative

- Trail Connection and Accessibility
  - Plan to discuss tentative plans and what has been done so far regarding assessing trail conditions; discuss planned connections
  - May share plans for Maxtown Road widening
  - Also should include Safe Routes to School
- Funding Partners and Events and Programs
  - Didn't see anything missing from Monthly Report
  - Will focus on "we're here if you need us"
  - Would like to have more smaller events in other parks; resident-focused events that they can walk to since parking is an issue for many parks
  - August 19 Canning/Freezing Clinic will be at the Fire Department
  - Movie Night at McNamara will be June 25
- If the groups want to have additional meetings, let Joe Clase know

6. Meeting adjourned at 8:53 – motion by Jan Wise; seconded by Sherri Schechinger