

Genoa Township Parks Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: July 5, 2017

Members present: Amy Barr (Chair)
Molly McHale (Vice Chair)
Jen Kovach (Secretary)
Tyson Cline
Mark Wigginton

Members absent: Katie Coakley
Phil Johnson

Others Present: Ron Keil (Staff)
Karl Gebhardt (Trustee)
Leslie Strader (Staff)
Kelsey Fox, United Way of Delaware County

Call meeting to order at 7:04 by Jen Kovach

1. No Public Comment
2. Kelsey Fox from United Way of Delaware County proposed a Genoa partnership opportunity to create a Born Learning Trail at Freeman Park.
 - Born learning trail would include 10 stations with introductions, birth to age 5 activities
 - United Way facilitates the installations and upkeep of the signs and activities
 - Ribbon cutting would take place with the volunteers and trail partners after project completion
 - PAC will review photographs of existing Born Learning Trails and make a recommendation to the Trustees prior to the August meeting. www.liveuniteddelawarecounty.org
3. Leslie Strader gave a Genoa communications update and plan to update park information boards to include Genoa parks map and other timeless information. Leslie reviewed current use of social media to advertise park events. PAC asked for input from Leslie to promote volunteers in the parks. PAC will revisit the park needs in August and create a list of possible volunteer opportunities. Leslie reported that July is nation parks month.
4. June 7th minutes were motioned to approve by Amy Barr, Mark Wigginton seconded.
5. June movie *Storks* was a success with approximately 200 in attendance. PAC requested use of the fire department popcorn machine for future movie nights.
6. July 15th movie night will host the Central Ohio Symphony. Preservation Parks will also set up a table to provide information.
7. Parks Manager Report: Ron applauded Leslie Strader for the work she has done with updating residents about Genoa and park events. Ron asked PAC to volunteer for July movie night. Ron reported that he is pleased with the success of the Community Gardens. The wildflowers that were planted are starting to appear. Karl Gebhardt questioned the plan for future reseeding and asked for consideration to use more perennials.
8. Fishing Day at Hilmar is set for September 9th. PAC suggested that Leslie promotes fishing day at movie night.
9. Next PAC meeting is scheduled for August 2nd, 2017.
10. Meeting moved to adjourn by Jen Kovach, Amy Barr seconded.
11. Adjourned town hall meeting at 8:10 pm. Adjourn for PAC park visits to Community Gardens and Sheffield.