

Freedom Park Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, February 20, 2018

Meeting Start Time: 6:00p.m.

Call to Order followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Members present: Harold Mussman, Alice Dahl, LeAnn Angerman and Dan Kowalski. Also present; Director of Public Works, Kevin Grey, Park Superintendent Tom Sullivan and Park Secretary Candy Johnson. Guests Present, Heidi Laub and GFWC Representative Dorothy Eich.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the January 2018 minutes was made by LeAnn Angerman and seconded by Alice Dahl. Motion carried 4/0.

Review Freedom Park Claims:

Review of Freedom Park Accounts Payable, dates 01/22/2018 and 02/12/2018. LeAnn Angerman stated that all payments appeared to be standard and customary. Motion to accept the claims as presented was made by LeAnn Angerman and seconded by Alice Dahl. Motion carried 4/0.

Freedom Park Updates:

Tom Sullivan advised he has been very busy plowing snow, also working on filling potholes. He stated that he has also been working on the maintenance of park equipment.

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Dog Park Updates:

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Total Revenue as of 02/20/2018: \$1535.00

New Park Mower Purchase:

Discussion about available funds for mower purchase followed.

LeAnn advised that she has spoken with Judy about available funds for the purchase of the new mower. Judy had told LeAnn that \$10,000.00 is available for the Freedom Park mower purchase.

LeAnn reviewed funds that are available for use toward the mower purchase.

Freedom Park Improvement:	\$00.00
Dog Park Improvement:	\$00.00
Open Gym	\$3789.41
Movies in the Park	\$235.02
Freedom Park Misc.	\$1,000.00

Total Amount: \$15,244.30

Discussion about the timing of the purchase of the Freedom Park mower followed.

The cost of the proposed mower is \$11,000.00. This amount includes the trade in of the Cub Cadet.

Alice asked about the use of Freedom Park budget funds that were available at the end of 2017. With regard to the Cedar Creek budget, she advised that any funds that are available at the end of the year are carried over into the next year's budget. This is the same procedure with the Town of Lowell; however these funds need to go through "re-appropriation" before the monies can be used.

Discussion followed about the Non Reverting Freedom Park "Fund Report".

The current balance is \$19,037.45. Extensive discussion followed.

Appropriation of funds:

LeAnn Angerman made the motion to appropriate \$10,000.00 from the cash balance into Freedom Park Improvement. The motion was seconded by Alice Dahl. The motion carried 4/0. These funds will then be available when we are ready to make the mower purchase.

Tom advised that George Malamatos from the Lowell Fire Department will not be able to attend tonight's meeting as planned. Mr. Malamatos planned on attending tonight's meeting to discuss the Fire Department sponsored "Oktoberfest". They would like to hold the Oktoberfest out here at Freedom Park. Tom said that the Fire Department does plan on selling alcohol at this event. Discussion followed. LeAnn advised that there is an ordinance on the books addressing the fact that event holders may want to have an event in one of our Town Parks and be able to serve alcohol.

(Alcohol is not permitted in our Town Parks without special permit)

LeAnn advised that if this event is held within the Town limits, there is also a "special event" permit that is needed. She added that when this permit is filled out, all the necessary questions are answered during this process.

Discussion turned to the proposed Oktoberfest. Last years event was held out at Niemeyer's Auction. The Fire Department would like to hold the event with the city limits this year: specifically, at Freedom Park. The exact location within the park still needs to be worked out.

Discussion followed about possible event date(s) and the planned location for the Oktoberfest here at Freedom Park. Also, what are their planned events during the Oktoberfest?

Dorothy Eich was present at tonight's meeting. (She is in charge of the Barktoberfest) Dorothy was present to request a date for the 2018 event.

**(Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> with a rain date scheduled for October 7<sup>th</sup>)**

LeAnn Angerman made the motion to approve October 6<sup>th</sup> and a rain date Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> for the Relay for Life/Lowell Woman's Club Barktoberfest at Freedom Park. The motion was seconded by Alice Dahl. Motion carried 4/0. Dorothy also presented a check from the Lowell Woman's Club for \$100.00 check for the "Spencer Gazebo project".

Discussion turned back to the Gazebo project.

Alice stated that she, Harold and Tom had gone out into Freedom Park today looking for the best location for the new gazebo. The location that they chose is just north and west of the Bark Park parking lot. Discussion followed with regard to future development of that area. LeAnn also

suggested ( as a photographer herself) that future development include a lovely background of trees, such as 'sugar maples".

Discussion about finances followed.

Alice advised that a \$10,000.00 deposit is required at the time the gazebo is ordered.

Total cost of gazebo	\$21,144.00
Concrete gazebo foundation	\$3,400.00

Laura Spencer donation	\$6,000.00 (possible additional funding)
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West Creek Twp	\$4,000.00
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Checks to be made payable to "Fifthroom Gazebo Creations"

Alice advised that Cedar Creek will pay the cost of the gazebo foundation.

\$3,400.00

Cedar Creek payment	\$5,000.00
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Lions Club has pledged between \$4,000.00 & \$5,000.00

(This will be discussed and finalized at their next meeting)

LeAnn advised that she has spoken with other Council Members about funding. \$3,000.00 has been pledged; however, this has not been finalized.

LeAnn asked that we hold off trying to finalize these funds until the March 20<sup>th</sup> Freedom Park meeting. By then, we will have all the answers.

Discussion followed with regard to the \$10,000.00 appropriated funds

At this time LeAnn thanked Alice for all the extra effort she has put toward the "gazebo project." Her efforts have made such a difference in the gazebo becoming a reality.

Discussion followed about actual installation of the gazebo.

The 12' x' 12' concrete gazebo pad will be installed by "Big Jim's Concrete" of Cedar Lake, IN. TX# 374-5621. The cost of the concrete includes the "pad" for the gazebo and the actual entryway into the gazebo.

Alice advised that the gazebo manufacturer will meet with Mike of Big Jims Concrete to make sure everything turns out as the gazebo salesman projected.

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The "site" chosen for the gazebo is located in close proximity to a gravel parking lot. So, no additional concrete work will be needed at this time. Alice added that Laura, the Spencer's daughter would like to place "poetry plaques" in close proximity to the gazebo. Also, the Lions organization would like to be acknowledged for their financial donation toward this project. Discussion followed about ways to display the "poetry plaques". LeAnn suggested a waist high post to display the plaques. They also discussed how the plaques would be displayed in proximity to the gazebo as well as landscaping ideas.

Dan asked if the chosen location for gazebo is located close to electrical access. Tom advised that we may have access to electricity because of Towns temporary pumping station located at the southwest corner of Freedom Park. Kevin Gray added that it is his understanding that the transformer may remain once the pumping station is no longer used.

Public Comment:

Tom advised that Kevin had brought up the possibility of putting up a gate just east of the recycle entrance. This may limit access to Freedom Park after park hours.

Adjournment:

Harold Mussman asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Alice Dahl and seconded by LeAnn Angerman at 6:46p.m.