

# FREEDOM PARK

Freedom Park Committee Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at Lowell Town Hall  
Start Time: 5:00 pm

## CALL TO ORDER FOLLOWED BY PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**ROLL CALL:** Heidi Laub, Alice Dahl, Mark Myers, John Alessia and Mindi Arnold-Buchler.  
Other attendees: Kevin Gray and Craig Hendrix.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Alice Dahl made a motion to accept the June 2020 meeting minutes. Mark Myers seconded that motion. Motion carried.

**REVIEW OF FREEDOM PARK CLAIMS:** Alice Dahl made a motion to accept the claims. Mark Myers seconded that motion. Motion carried.

## REPORTS:

Director of Parks, Mindi Arnold-Buchler reported the dog park currently has 75 members with \$3,595.00 collected at this time. 2019 had 88 members with \$4,325 collected. 2018 had 94 members with \$3,900 collected. Mindi wanted the board to see they have not been terribly affected by revoking the 50% off memberships for 2019. 2020 memberships are being purchased during the COVID pandemic.

## MAINTENANCE REPORT

Public Works Director, Kevin Gray updated the board on maintenance projects at Freedom Park.

**Part-Time Maintenance:** Position has been filled and is now working as of last week.

**Gazebo Landscape Project:** Weeds have been pulled and sprayed. Kevin has instructed the staff to cut an edge around the mulch bed before the landscaper arrives next week to install the 12 yards of mulch.

**Maple Tree Oyster Shell Scale:** Kevin assessed the trees and the soil cores show they appear to have enough moisture. He does not recommend watering bags at this time and noted the size bag needed for these trees would cost approximately \$100 for 2 bags per tree. Spraying in the fall and spring for a couple years may save them and he recommends trying this approach.

**Eagle Scout Fire Pit:** Spruce saplings have been planted and grass is to be started in an effort to keep the weeds away.

**Dog Park Gate:** Has been fixed. Kevin asked the board to consider replacing the fence and gate if they do not want to continue with the repair issues on the current one.

Heidi asked Kevin to keep the gazebo landscaping, flag pole and frontage on a routine plan. Alice asked Kevin to address the entry in to the park as it has been over run with weeds. Heidi also thanked Mark Myers for his donation toward plants at the gazebo. She also thanked Mindi and Alice for their assistance in pulling weeds and landscape fabric around the gazebo a few weeks ago.



### Board Members

Heidi Laub  
Chairman  
West Creek  
Township

Mark Myers  
Vice-Chairman  
Town of Lowell

John Alessia  
Secretary  
Lowell Town Council

Alice Dahl  
Cedar Creek  
Township

Mindi Arnold-Buchler  
Director of Parks

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Gazebo Landscape Project was discussed in maintenance report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Freedom Park Office Building**

Craig Hendrix spoke to the board about considering some options about the office building and approximately .86 acres of land around it. He suggested selling or demolition to the board. The board discussed several options yet demolition did not seem to be in the boards favor at this time. The board would like to consider all options after having a figure on the property value. Heidi asked Craig if he could get an appraisal before they considered either option. Craig stated he would do so. The board decided to table any decision until a later time.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:** No announcements and correspondence.

**NEXT MEETING:**

**AUGUST 18, 2020 at 5:00 pm**

**PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mark Myers made the motion to adjourn at 5:31pm. John Alessia seconded that motion. Motion carried.