

## Pingree Grove Park Advisory Committee

Meeting at Village Hall 14N042 Reinking Rd, Pingree Grove, IL 60140

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:40 P.M.
  - Present were: Bob Spieker, Chuck Pearson, Raul Lemus, Judy Stanhope
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - Minutes of April 5, 2018 meeting were not available
3. MEETING DISCUSSION ITEMS
  - A. Revised Park Concept Review - Committee looked at the concept drawing. Discussion was held about making the parking lot smaller and the dog park sections larger. Trees in preserve are not in good shape. Bob suggested looking into Trees Unlimited or other company to cut down trees and turning them into mulch. Chuck had worked 3 hours on 5/2 on mowing perimeter, and also worked on 5/3 cutting down stumps. He would like help in doing this work.
  - B. Meet Me in the Park Fundraiser - Results won't be available until June 1, 2018. Posts to vote were put on Park Advisory Board and Women of Cambridge Lakes Facebook pages, along with emails and reminders from committee members to friends & colleagues. Next year, Bob will request that Pingree Grove, IL be a featured park so voters would not have to type it in each time.
4. OLD BUSINESS
  - Committee encourages all committee members to attend meetings.
  - Phase 1 - It was agreed that parking lot needed to be completed first. Gravel will be needed to cover parking lot.
  - Raul looked into Food Truck Festival. It was voted 4-0 to table idea until the future when more trucks could be accommodated. Bob suggested we work with police department on how to handle traffic off of Route 20 and moving it through residential neighborhood.
  - Discussion was held about looking into more grant possibilities, such as AARP and searching for small town grants available.
  - In order to facilitate getting the park ready for Phase 2, creating space for people and pets, a lawn mower is needed, along with a shed to house it. Discussion was held about filling in ruts with dirt.

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- Judy will look into paving bricks and suggested rocks for the dog park in memory of pets.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

- Sculpture Contest for students - Bob suggested a contest for high school students to design sculptures to be placed throughout the park. Bob will contact high school district persons in Districts 300 and 301.
    - Committee will then determine categories for sculptures. It was estimated this would be a year long venture.
    - Judy suggested looking into having ECC students in contest. It was decided to stick with high schools in 2018-2019.
    - It was suggested we look into a Go-Fund-Me page.
    - Discussion was held about creating a Website as well as keeping our Facebook page. Raul will look into creating a Website.
    - We discussed the benefits of a donation for businesses, groups, and individuals: tax deduction, free advertising (on park sign and Website, perhaps for a year?), and help to local community.
  - Sponsorships to Raise Money for Park
    - Discussion was held about using Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze divisions for donations. Possibilities for ranges could be \$20,000, \$10,000, \$5,000, \$500, and Partner for up to \$300.
    - Chuck suggested a range of numbers in each category.
    - Committee will look into sponsor categories fitting theme of park.
    - Bob suggested creating a brochure about the park proposal.
    - Bob will discuss tax deductions with Dean. He will also contact Dean about Chuck being forest preserve liaison.
    - Sponsorships will include those who give a non-monetary donation (bench, gazebo, tree, etc.)
  - Committee work to be done before next meeting :
    - Judy will look into possible grants, cost of paving bricks and engraving.
    - Bob will look into gravel for parking lot, contact Dean, contact Trees Unlimited.
    - Raul will look into Website possibilities.
    - Chuck will continue working on mowing and stumps.
6. ADJOURNMENT at 9:50 p.m. NEXT MEETING on Thurs. May 10 at 7 pm.

Minutes submitted by Judy Stanhope