

Franklin Township Advisory Recreation and Parks Board
March 14, 2023- Minutes

The Franklin Township Advisory Recreation and Parks Board met on the above date at the Franklin Township Administrative Building. Board members present were Fred Kemmerer Jr., Robert Correll, Travis Hunsicker, Chief Jason Doll, and Brenda Cressley, Secretary. A list of others in attendance is attached. Chairman Kemmerer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Brenda Cressley made a motion to appoint Fred Kemmerer Jr. as the Board's Chairman. Travis Hunsicker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robert Correll made a motion to appoint Brenda Cressley as the Board's Secretary. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Fred Kemmerer Jr. made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 8, 2017 Franklin Township Advisory Recreation and Parks Board Meeting. Jason Doll seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasury Report was presented as follows: The Franklin Township Community Parks Fund currently has a balance of \$3,465.00. It was explained this money was previously raised through hoagie sales, and monetary donations. The money was initially raised to replace the wooden playground that was built by the Lions' Club members etc. The plan to rebuild was delayed because the Township was offered the playground equipment from the former Franklin Township Elementary School.

Discussion

Chairman Kemmerer opened the conversation to address the use of Phifer's Ice Dam Park. He stated he would like to see the park be utilized more by our community. He would like to form a committee with members that would be willing to volunteer their time to create events that would bring money into the park for future improvements and help to maintain the park. Some suggestions were to construct a Walking Path, Host a Car Show, and Hold a Movie Night.

Problems

Chairman Kemmerer asked the group if there are any problems with the Park that need to be addressed. The consensus was the main issue is the geese droppings. Chief Doll suggested to purchase ultra violet lights to be installed at each of the three ponds. The ultra violet light are believed to be a deterrent to the geese. He also said there are yard sweepers that you can purchase to scoop up the geese droppings.

Problems Cont'd

Fred Kemmerer also suggested posting signs and installing cameras to help stop the illegal dumping and mischief. We need to keep our park safer as well. He said the cameras have already been looked into and the cost for cameras and the installation is approximately \$25,000-\$30,000.00. The goal is with making improvements throughout the Phifer's Ice Dam Park it will bring the community together. He suggested to invite outside vendors and other non-profit groups to join in with fundraising events that might be held. His first event he would like to hold is to have free movie night. The board looked at the 2023 calendar and chose Sunday, May 21, 2023 to have the movie night, pending permission from the Franklin Township Board of Supervisors.

Residents Joseph & Mary Pachorkowsky were present to say how much they enjoy the park and they would be willing to help with progress of the Phifer's Ice Dam Park.

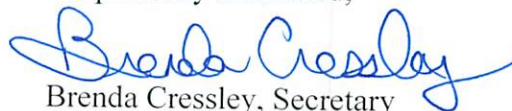
Fred Kemmerer suggested to meet at the park on Saturday, March 18th at 10:00 a.m. to do a walk thru of the park to see what improvements need to be made.

Brenda Cressley presented the Christman Ballfield plan for improvements on behalf of Maj Gen USAF (ret) Marvin Jay Barry. His goal is to apply for grants for aid in the improvements that are needed at the baseball field as well. His plan includes improvements for the current Babe Ruth, Girls' Softball, T-ball, and Coach Pitch fields along with paving the entrance road, parking lot (modified stone), curbing along the entrance road to help curve water runoff and improve the drainage.

Fred Kemmerer made a motion to send a letter of request to the Board of Supervisors to order three (3) ultra violet lights for the three dams as soon as possible and to hold a movie night on Sunday, May 21, 2023 in the evening. Travis Hunsicker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Doll made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Fred Kemmerer Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously,

Respectfully submitted,



Brenda Cressley, Secretary

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