

January 30, 2012 Downs Dooley Park Committee Agenda

Village of Downs Parks Committee Mission– To maintain community parks and hold recreational activities which enriches the quality of life for residents and visitors alike, and preserves it for future generations.

For questions or to join the board: Contact Mary Goveia, Park Trustee
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Dave Bach, Linda Roberts, Mary Goveia, and Marla Brotherton present.

1. There were no visitors to recognize.
2. November minutes were reviewed and approved.
3. Budget review found that we are \$160 in the whole, there is \$80 to deposit. The monthly utilities were \$209.25 for January. It was discussed to find ways to weatherproof the garage doors to save on utilities' expenses. The front furnace next to the kitchen does not work. We will have to work on a budget in March and April to start May 1, 2012. We discussed adding an open air pavilion with the TIF funds, since the park playground equipment payment is coming to the end. Mary will approach the board to discuss the open air pavilion being funded with future TIF funds.

Old Business

4. Review 2012 calendar of events – Mary Goveia
 1. Halloween Costume Party Band was discussed for the last Saturday night of the event. They will advertise on their website. They are cheaper than Biscuits and Gravy.
5. Review 2012 calendar of events was held. Marla will add these items as placeholder event on the Facebook and send these dates to Mike James and Mike Sumner.
 1. January – Clean up day after tree is cut (Dave will email the committee for the date) and Fund raising ideas for 4th of July
 2. February – no events planned, notify school on the Work Day project
 3. March -
 4. April 7th - Easter breakfast 7-10 AM with Egg Hunt starting at 10 AM
 5. April 14th – 8 AM Kickapoo Park Walk through meet at the 2000 East (Huff Road) entrance, bring garbage bags for trash and boots for spring conditions
 6. April 21st - Work day in the park (coordinate with Earth Day, possibly with the elementary school)
 7. May 5th Kickapoo Park Nature Trail work 7 AM start
 8. June 2nd – Garage Sales and 4th of July Fundraising Breakfast 7-10 AM
 9. June 30th – Freedom Race
 10. July – 4th of July (Wed)
 11. August -
 12. September 15th – Community Breakfast 7-10 AM – plan Breakfast with Santa
 13. October - Halloween
 14. November 11- Veteran's Ceremony and Tea
 15. December - Christmas
Marla will update Facebook with the 4th of July Fundraising Breakfast and added Community Breakfast and Veteran's Ceremony and Tea
6. Christmas Committee Review was covered, which the Happy Holidays was a great

addition. There were two nights without Santa. \$1,200 is in the fund. Mary is planning a dozen trees that are potted to be sponsored for money and solicit groups to sponsor and decorate the trees. Dave will contact Prochnow's for potted tree prices. We could also gather money through community to vote on the best decorated tree.

7. 4 new trees for Dooley Park are in the tree and still alive. Finished old business on this item...

New Business

8. Next 3 months of events was discussed.
9. Review cleanup of tree removal was completed on 1/25, a check is ready for Oak Brothers that took the tree down, ground that stump and the old ash tree stump. Their check is ready, but need them to fill out the tax. The individual that needed community service has cleaned up the tree partially and will continue to clean this up. Dave Bach has plans to move dirt. Mary has asked for dirt to be moved to cover the north side of pavilion where it is dipping very badly.
10. Kickapoo Park update-chips have been unloaded on the 2000 East road by several crews, we will drag walnut logs from Dooley Park down to make barriers to replace the plastic orange fence. May 5th was selected for the first work day starting at 7 AM, Marla will draft a topographical map to view the nature trail course for the committee to review and discuss.
11. Fun'd Raiser was shared for Sun, 3/11 from 2 – 4 PM, minimum of 15 people, Park District will receive \$20 per person. Committee is supportive of sponsoring this, advertising will be on the website, Facebook, and in local papers. Marla Brotherton is the contact for this.
12. Fourth of July Fund Raising – Marla Brotherton
13. Freedom Run Committee – Marla Brotherton
14. Standard practice of publishing meeting agendas and minutes on Website was discussed. Agenda will be published on the website as the committee receives the finalized agenda. Only approved meeting minutes will be published on the website. This approach was supported by the committee. The schedule of events for the first 6 months will be published on the website. Brick order form will be added to the website as well.
15. Next meeting is Feb 27, 2011 at 7 PM at the Youth Center.
16. Meeting was adjourned at 8:26 PM.