

Perry Village
Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
5:30, March 14, 2024
Perry Village Hall

- I. Meeting called to order at Village Hall at 6:30pm
- II. Attendance
 - Present: Mike Glover, Lee Glover, Pam Jenkins, Barb Howley, Jim Gessic
 - Absent: Elias Coss, John Howley
 - Guest: Debbie Sines
- III. Old Business/Updates
 - A. Meadow - Pam Jenkins
 1. Would like to build and install 2 benches at \$80 each and a simple arbor at approx \$250. Will wait until Lee speaks to Scout Master and finds out what they will volunteer to build for us. Discussed ordering a National Wildlife Federation sign for \$20. Working on DIY signs to tell visitors what exactly our meadow is as well as a 'rules' sign. Should be very little cost.
 - B. Community Garden - Mike Glover
 1. Looks like the garden will be full this year. One person still to confirm.
 2. Still discussing what to do with the weed bin. Materials in it need to be removed from the garden. It can stay where it is or be moved, but the gardeners need someplace to put their weeds.
 3. Mike will contact Dennis Shimpko about rototilling the garden. Barb Howley asked if it could be done as soon as possible so gardeners could get the early crops going.
 - C. Port-A-Pot
 1. Mayor will have the road crew build the walls for the new Port-A-Pot location. When that is complete then he will call the company about moving the old one to new location or getting a brand new one.
 - D. Spring Clean Up - Mike Glover
 1. Mike sent a message to Mark Soeder to request PSL volunteers for Spring Clean up on Saturday April 20th and for the Earth Day Event on Sunday April 21st. He will let us know how they respond. Discussion about if they could do more than pick up sticks. Suggestions were: paint sign posts, spread mulch, pick up trash and dog waste, etc....
 - E. Eagle Scout Projects - Lee Glover
 1. Lee hasn't contacted the scout master yet but will do so this week. Possible projects are 2 benches for meadow, arbor for meadow, prep table for picnic shelter. She will let us know how they respond,
 - F. Fishing Derby - Jim Gessic
 1. This is a Council run event to be held on Saturday June 1st from 10:00-12:00

G. Projects for 2024

1. Phragmite removal from pond. Discussion about method of removal - digging out vs using herbicides. Time of removal - Jim said sometime this summer when the crew can get the machinery to the pond. How much to remove - Jim wants to leave some for fish habitat, Pam is against leaving any of the invasive plant and suggests removing it all so it doesn't come back.
2. Remove the dead tree and remove dead lower branches only, from trees in grove. Pam asked that we keep the dead tree for a project for kids to play on. Will bring pictures to next meeting.
3. Dog Park - Pam suggested we replace the unsightly large green cans in the dog park with a professional model. It is rust proof, hangs on the fence, the bags won't need to be taped with black electric tape, easier to empty. Can be purchased for \$125- \$200.
Also discussed purchasing 2 more to place around the park road to help with the dog waste problem.
4. The 4 dug outs were recently finished by the Perry Township Road Crew and look great. The area around the concrete pad will need to be cleaned up, dirt added and grass planted.

H. Eclipse Event at the Park

1. Barb and Pam would like to host a gathering at the park to watch and celebrate the eclipse on April 8th . Committee agreed to take \$50 out of event budget for snacks and drinks
Update: Barb and Pam decided the risks of supervising children during an eclipse were to risky and the event was canceled on March 21st. The committee was notified.

I. Earth Day Family Fun Day

1. Clarification of purchasing process for expenditures and reimbursement - will need to get a list of "must have items and costs" to Mike first. Then he will need to approve each purchase after that. You can send him a picture and cost. If he is not available, Elias Coss is the Co-Chair and will need to be contacted.
2. Activities: * Activities will be a part of a Scavenger Hunt
 - *Bug Hotel
 - *What's in the Pond?
 - *Meadow introduction and craft
 - *Paint handprints on Garden Shed - Barb is working with the art teacher from the High School on this project.
 - *Learn about how seeds grow and plant a seed to take homeTrain from Perry Rec
Battery Recycling
Handouts from Lake County Storm Water Management
Campfire with juice and S'mores
Estimated Volunteers needed: 10

IV. New Business

- A. Topics to submit for Perry Township Bulletin Newsletter - Due March 27th
 1. Funday dates and themes - 1st one is Earth Day Sunday April 21st 1:00-4:00
 2. Meadow
 3. Garden
 4. New Dugouts
 5. Port-A-Pot - news location
 6. Reminder road is one-way and 10mph
 7. Call to reserve picnic shelter
 8. Battery Recycling

V. Next Meeting

A. Thursday April 18th 2024 7:00 pm at LL Park weather permitting if not, then Village Hall

VI. Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Jenkins

4/1/24

To Do Reminder List: (the date is date of meeting when first discussed)

2/24 Lee - Contact Scoutmaster about projects

11/23 Mike - Weed Bin Cleaned out or moved

2/24 Garden rototilled and weed bin cleaned out. Garden fence up

2/24 PSL Volunteers for Earth Day

3/14 Contact Council members for volunteering at Earth Day

3/14 Purchase new dog waste can for dog park. Look into 2 more for road around park

3/14 Ask Police Chief to attend April meeting

11/23 Jim - Have Road Crew build walls for Port-a-Pot. Call company to get new pot

3/14 Pam - Purchasing NWF sign for meadow

3/14 Making signage for meadow ie: rules, stay on path, etc.....