

**Friends of Collier Parks and Recreation
Municipal Building - January 19, 2016 – 6:30 PM
Regular Board Meeting**

Meeting called to order at 6:45 PM by Mary Ann Cupples followed by Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call - Gail Neustadt, Tilden Bennett, Kathy Rulong, Barb Riedl, Peggy Mollica, Marilyn Townsend, Pam Handlovitch, Mike Fantoni, Bill Wenger, Mary Ann Cupples

Attending: Tilden Bennett, Peggy Mollica, Marilyn Townsend, Pam Handlovitch, Mike Fantoni, Mary Ann Cupples, Kathy Rulong

Not in Attendance: Gail Neustadt, Matt Zeleznik, Kathy Rulong, Barb Riedl and Bill Wenger
Marilyn Townsend

I. Approval of November Minutes Motion: Tilden 2ND: Mike

Also discussed forwarding minutes to Parks and Recreation board; however, our plan is to have the report, our operating plan, on our web page; therefore, there is no need for duplication to Parks board.

II. Guests: Sal Sirabella, Township Manager

Sal discussed the following:

- Grants- we have a grant writer, Joe Cower, who is very reasonable and very good. Also stated foundations like to give grants to organizations such as ours.
- Molly Dog Park – there are two issues, which are placement of the park either in Collier park or the Meadow Path
- Two bidders provided estimates for the estimates and are over what was originally estimated. Allegheny Fence submitted \$35,000 bid.
- Sal will be making a presentation to move the park to Pinker Road
- Tim Eckenrode heads the committee for Parks and Recreation, which will run the Dog Park
- Discussed the DCNR Grant to target a pavilion, basic rest rooms, Bocce court and outdoor exercise equipment
- Stated that we are not required to perform audit
- Sal asked if we might be able to help provide art work at the community center
- The old bricks from the memorial, which are being replaced with new ones, will be used in the township
- Peggy to gather information regarding business cards for board members and Sal will order and pay for the business cards
- Suggested that we may be able to sell fence signage at dog park to raise money

III. Public Comment:

None

IV. Reports:

A. Treasurer's Report

Report was submitted to the Board.

B. Approval of Revised Bylaws - Kathy Rulong

Will hold off on this discussion until our next meeting in order to add the attendance language.

C. Technology: Web page, Facebook and Twitter – Mary Ann Couples

- a. Sal offered to assist with the web creation and provide contact name for assistance

D. Grants

- a. Grant writing class to be attended by Gail, Bill and Pam, beginning on January 26, 2016. Friends will pay for the class. Motion: Pam 2nd : Mike

E. Memorial Path and Stone Project: Barb not in attendance

F. Luau Fundraiser: Will hold off until sometime in the future

G. Approval of Revised Bylaws - Kathy Rulong

V. New Business:

A. Committee Signups

- a. Committee sign-ups :
 - i. Membership – Barb
 - ii. Events – as needed
 - iii. Grants – Gail
 - iv. Molly Dog Park – TBD
 - v. Discovery Path – TBD
 - vi. Veterans and Flag Day – Barb
 - vii. Marketing/Publicity – TBD
 - viii. IT – Lynn Heckman
 - ix. Liaison to Parks and Recreation – Peggy
 - x. Liaison to CV School District - TBD

B. Written Reports to Be Presented at January Meeting

- a. Memorial Path Stone Projects and Bricks - Barb
- b. Membership – Barb
- c. Vice Chair/ Audit Matt
- d. Sponsorship – Matt
- e. Grants - Gail

C. Brochure for Friends

- a. Mary Ann would like to have a Friends brochure - Peggy offered to help with the brochure project

D. Char Valley School District Connection

Liaison TBD

E. Ideas for Fundraising

- a. Flower sale at Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, etc.
- b. Nationality Day at schools
- c. Pancake breakfast
- d. Bake sale on Election day – Primary and General
- e. Food Fund Friends

Pam, Mary Ann and Gail will meet with Brian White to discuss

F. Permanent Outdoor Items

Sal said that he is looking for outdoor permanent enhancements for Collier Park, such as a flag plaza, sculptures for indoors and outdoors. We will need to coordinate with Rochelle if we participate.

VI: Next Meeting

Next meeting will be held on February 16th

VII: Adjournment at 8:45 PM Motion: Mary Ann 2ND: Tilden