

Oshtemo Friends of the Parks
May 13, 2015

The regular meeting of the Oshtemo Friends of the Parks was held at the Township Hall. The meeting was called to order at approximately 4:30 p.m.

Members Present: Pam Jackson, Co-Chair
Deb Everett, Secretary
Carol Ladd, Treasurer
Dennis Patzer

Also present was Karen High, Township Parks Administrator and Roger Taylor, Parks Committee Chair.

Activity Updates

Pam thanked Roger for leading the “bird walk” event in the Township Park on April 25th.

2015 Movies in the Park

Most arrangements are in place for the summer series of movies; Karen has secured popcorn from Kalamazoo 10, Carol has scoops, food service gloves and popcorn bags, Pam will pick up popcorn for the June movie, and Roger is coordinating with KPL for pre-movie activity. Pam and Karen will pursue obtaining a banner(s) to advertise the movies.

Flesher Field Dedication – Karen advised the dedication ceremony will take place on August 15th during Oshtemo Fun Day; she would like to invite everyone who participated in Phase I and Phase II construction.

Discussion was held regarding future events, specifically music events for the Flesher Field gazebo in 2016.

Other Business

Karen advised the next visioning session for the Drake Farmstead will be held on May 27th at the farmstead. A public input design workshop will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. then a review session held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Karen advised she would like to consider having T-shirts designed for the 2015 Amateur World Champion Disc Golf Tournament to be held this summer and utilizing the Township Park disc golf course. She will contact the league representative for more information.

Discussion was held regarding ideas to grow Friends of the Parks; ideas included hosting regular activities, providing for memberships, and engaging groups, i.e., Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, 4-H, for volunteer projects. There was also discussion to put a survey on the web page to gauge citizen interests.

Consensus was to hold a “Rain Garden Work Day” on Wednesday, June 3rd at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:55 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting – July 8th at 4:30 p.m.

Deb Everett, Secretary