



Village of Hampshire
Fields & Trails Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 3, 2016 – 5:30 PM
Hampshire Village Hall – 234 S. State Street

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Establish Quorum (Physical and Electronic)**
3. **Citizen Comments**
4. **Approve Meeting Minutes October 1, 2015**
5. **To discuss current grants available for application from ComEd, Kane County/Riverboat. These grants are available for application now and would fit the Tree Canopy curriculum**
6. **Park district board to discuss the status of Ruth Park and the need for shade trees in all the parks.**
7. **Current Status of Veteran's Memorial**
8. **Status of Memorial Park? Possible name change and add a sign for sports stars/teams and Officer Greg Sears.**
9. **Lightning detection system update**
10. **Adjournment**

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January 27, 2016

Attn: Toby Koth, Fields and Trails
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Dear Mr. Koth,

With the State's budget impasse, it is another year that the OSLAD Grants are on hold. While we are anxiously awaiting any announcement on the release of awarded funds for Ream Park, the Hampshire Park District Board of Commissioners is interested in discussing the long term planning of Ruth Park in Tuscany Woods.

At this time there is over \$500,000 allocated for the development of Ruth Park from the Hampshire Highlands development Impact Fees. Although the Intergovernmental agreement between the Village and the Park District state that when a grant is awarded the land will be deeded to the Park District, there is some planning that must take place in advance if the park is to be developed and a future grant is to be applied for. The Board is interested in beginning the planning discussions regarding this park development and future ownership as the overall plan creation and development is not only a time consuming but costly expenditure.

If you can please place this item on the agenda for discussion it would be appreciated

Thank you,

Laura Schraw, Executive Director
Hampshire Township Park District

Cc: Hampshire Township Park District Board of Commissioners

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Dear Mr. Koth,

It has come to our attention that several grants have been opened for applications in 2016. The first is the Kane County Riverboat Grant, with an available \$897,239 to address local needs in the areas of education, the environment, and economic development, due by March 1st. The second grant is the ComEd Openlands grant, that can be used for environmental projects such as habitat restoration up to \$10,000 or 50% of the project costs, due by March 15th.

The Park District would like to jointly apply for a shade tree restoration project for Ream, Seyller and Ruth Parks. The large oaks on the hill at Seyller Park have been in decline, and these past 2 years we have lost 3 significant trees. It is time we begin restoration plantings to not lose the character of this historic oak/hickory grove. Ream and Ruth are in need of shade for the programs, events and festivals that are at these parks. In addition, with the loss of the ash trees in the public parkways and parks, the overall canopy coverage in Hampshire has greatly declined and this is an excellent way to increase the canopy of the community.

By planning for a large environmental education event on Earth Day or Arbor Day 2017, we can invite the community to help plant and learn about the importance of trees to the environment. Please let me know if the Village is interested in participating in this grant project.

Thank you,

Laura Schraw, Executive Director
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