

Heritage & Outdoor Recreation Commission

November 20th, 2019
Lemont Village Hall
418 Main St. Lemont, IL 60439

Minutes

1. **Call to Order 6:30 pm**

Verify Quorum - Attendance:

Jeff Rath, Dan Ganzer, Dennis Voltarel, George Schafer, Jim Helbling, Sarah Alvestad, Jeannette Virgilio from Forge

Dennis motion to approve the minutes, second by Jeff, motion carried, minutes approved.

2. **Chairman comments:**

- A. Mark Pawlak resigned his position as he moved over to the planning and zoning commission. Discussion to replace-Dave Maher and Dan to interview from people who applied in the past.
- B. Will cancel December meeting and hold next meeting in January
- C. Noted the Patch article about running at the quarry start again in February.

3. **Action Item (General Discussion)**

- A. Discussed the status of The Forge project. Jeannette -
 - a. Finishing with footings
 - b. In December the towers should be going up just depends on the weather.
 - c. East side has rough grade for kids' stuff. Then towers and adventure course should be done by March.
 - d. Access discussion or lack of access talked about for mountain biking for the public, what areas would have a charge and why. Insurance "threw in a monkey wrench". Now entire 10 acres has to be fenced in and gates required on North side along with charging, including premier mountain bike course
 - e. It was said that initially there wouldn't be a charge for bike paths. There will be a single-track on the North side that wouldn't have a charge. Due to insurance regulations property on South (BMX) would have to be gated and secured.
- B. Security camera talk at length about coverage for the area.

4. **Unfinished Business**

- A. Canal Clean up, discussion on historically who had participated and also funded, MWRD. There may be one final grant from Citgo for Lemont. Discussed possible uses for that grant
- B. Wildlife promotion discussion- Dennis to look into social media- George looking into
 - a. I and M Trail on Facebook.
- C. Update on boat launch from Sarah- nothing new to report. All depends on pedestrian bridge at trailhead. George has meeting about the pedestrian bridge with IDOT and Coast Guard planned for future
- D. Fishing Line recycling project-Jeff- has not heard an update.
- E. Quarries in the Spring to be stocked with walleye
- F. Sarah brought up the trees in the quarries and if they could possibly be removed?

5. **New Business**

George- discussed that there is ongoing discussions about the Tri-Central property and Village / Park District involvement

6. **Audience Participation - none**

7. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn - Sarah seconded by Jeff. Motion carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:55pm