Walden Parks Committee

June 2025 Monthly Meeting

Date: June 4th, 6-7 pm; Walden Town Hall

Attendees: Lance Pope, Christian Tartaglia, Larry Skaggs, Mariah Prescott, and Ellen Young

Minutes: Christian Tartaglia

Introduction of new members: n/a

General Business:

- meeting started at 6:12pm.
- Mariah and Ellen presented the Committee with a Grant opportunity from Hamilton County for The Town of Walden, "Leaning into Communities: Park Grants and Small-Town Partnerships". Additionally, they provided updates on protocols and procedures for all committees in the Town of Walden, which P&R was already implementing.

Updates:

Mabbitt Spring

- brief discussion about the streams new course and how to correct it, boulder and debris are blocking the outlet underneath the bridge too.

Falling Waters:

- confirmed that the Town is okay with the first round of MOU with TDEC. Christian will send it along to Travis at TDEC.

Griffiss Park:

- new meter is in and awaiting pad to be poured to install newly purchased drinking fountain.

Signs:

- new Disc Golf Signage. see new business below and Grant bullets.

New Business:

Grant Stuff:

- deadline for the Grant's first round of funding is June 30th.

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- review bullet points and get dollar amounts for P&R line items (which is to include a Project Description, Community Impact, Alignment with Local Vision, and Partnerships & Public Engagement).
  - Laurel connector; survey to find corner of property, trail from PP down to Laurel, costs and pictures.
  - water fountains; pictures of proposed locations.
  - remove boulder underneath bridge at Mabbitt.
  - look at redirecting stream back to it's original course to reduce washout of trail at Mabbitt.
  - explore cutting in new trail at Falling Waters.
  - new signage for Disc Golf Course.
  - proposed 4 weeks of Trail Crew to accomplish all trail needs.

No further updates.
Next meeting is July 2nd.
Adjourn meeting at 7:38 pm.