

**NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR – 1/11/2022**

**HEARTLAND APPROVED EPIC GROUP EXPERIENCE:**

The Seneca and Sandusky Chambers of Commerce co-hosted this workshop in December that I attended. It focused on the needs and wants of large and small tourism groups and individuals and how organizations and businesses can work together to meet those needs and promote tourism in the county.

**NEW BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATION:**

Welcome Jacob Price as our next Board Member!

Jacob has already completed his Park Board orientation and is ready to begin.

**US ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS:**

A draft document is in the process of being reviewed with the expectation of a final draft being available in mid-January. The US ACE is planning to offer a technical presentation the last week of January or in February as schedules allow.

**WEBSITE UPDATE:**

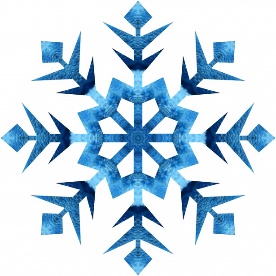
Spire has placed a temporary website online for the Park, as the previous host needed to close sooner than expected. We are continuing to work with Spire to update our full website and still expect it to be in place before February.

**OPPORTUNITY PARK – OHIO CAPITAL BUDGET PROJECT:**

The County Commissioners, Seneca Regional Planning, and the Opportunity Center have been coordinating paperwork to have funding in place for ordering as soon as possible. Installation is still being planned for the summer of 2022.

**COMMUNITY PARK GRANTS PROGRAM:**

The grant announcement was sent out to community & city park administrators in early January. We are looking forward to receiving applications by 4pm on May 1, 2022.



**PUBLIC PROGRAMS, PARTICIPATION, & PARTNERSHIP SUMMARY**

**25th PARK ANNIVERSARY PROGRAMS/EVENTS**

We have had great responses to the 25th anniversary events that took place through the 2021 year.

For those who completed the challenges, items can be picked up at the Park Office.

**SASQUATCH SPOTTER end of year event at GHNP**

**Two grand prize-winning teams pictured above.**

*(Above Left: Lynda Allarding & Kevin Creamer, Above Right: Steve & Linda Moorhead)*

**14 Teams/Individuals, including The Chwalik Family** *(Pictured Below),* **achieved the highest level of Sasquatch Spotter, spotting Sasquatch**

**more than 15 times as he moved from park to park throughout 2021**

**Watch for future Sasquatch Spotting events coming later this year!**

**GENERAL PROGRAM REGISTRATIONS:**

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|  | Dec (2020) | Total |
| Programs | 27 (20) | 391 (281) |
| Participants | 437 (223) | 6357 (4854) |

*2020 #s - Some programs cancelled in March, all programs cancelled throughout April and May.*







