

**Hiram Recreation & Park Board**  
Meeting Minutes via Video Conferencing  
Rosser Municipal Building  
11617 Garfield Road, Hiram OH 44234

**April 6, 2021**

**Park Board Members:**

Chris McCreight, Chairperson  
Mayor Lou Bertrand  
Jo Walsh-Cobb  
Steve Zabor  
Steve Schuller, Asst. Village Administrator

**Absent:**

James McGee, Village Administrator  
Suzann Bennett

**Official Recorder:**

Wendelin Taylor, Asst. Fiscal Officer

**Others Present:**

Chris Szell, resident

**General:** Chris McCreight called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm. March's meeting minutes were not brought forward for approval.

**Public Comment:**

**Old Business:**

**A. Bike Racks:** Steve Zabor has four possibly five 2-position bike racks available through the Rotary that he would like to see installed at various locations throughout the Village. Steve Schuller mentioned the Village also have a larger 4-6 position rack that is intended for Reign Hadsell Park. The Board members agreed to meet April 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:15 p.m. in front of the Post Office to do a walk through the Village to identify possible sites for the smaller racks. The Post Office and Gionino's Pizza were mentioned as most likely locations. Chris McCreight asked what the process would be for zoning and possible permits. It was agreed to identify locations and then approach the Planning and Zoning Commission.

**B. Dog Park:** Conversations with various Village residents have been positive concerning a dog park. Chris McCreight would like to get more community feedback on the subject. Steve Schuller stated that a fencing contractor has been to Reign Hadsell Park to mark off and give any estimate for fencing. An area approximately 60' x 80' was measured and the four corners flagged. The entrance to the dog park would be accessible from the direction of the parking lot. No estimate has been submitted as of this meeting date.

**C. Signage:** Signs for the four entrances of the Village has been submitted by Sign Stormers. It is approximately \$5100. Jo Walsh-Cobb researched types and prices for message boards. Past discussion had suggested message boards be located at both Jagow and Reign Hadsell parks. The cost for a one-sided message board with a glass front would be \$600 each. Posts and hardware would be extra. The Board agreed that it would not be unreasonable to expect the cost of installation to be at least \$1000. The Board agreed message boards are not a priority at this time.

**D. Hiram Community Trust Grant:** The deadline for the grant is May 15, 2021. Steve Schuller and Chris McCreight will coordinate compiling and submitting the grant paperwork.

**New Business:**

**A. Hike & Bike Trail:** Several residents have expressed concern regarding dog waste on the trail. Jo and Chris McCreight will research options and pricing for waste containers. The trail asphalt needs to be sealed. Steve Schuller state Skibiski Asphalt will honor their quote of \$4200 to do the work.

**B. Park Maintenance:** Mulch has been delivered. The ball teams have been working on the field. Steve S. spoke to Skibiski Asphalt regarding the basketball court resurfacing. The current estimate is \$11,000. Steve will try to get another quote for this year. Simply sealing the basketball court surface will not be enough due to the court condition.

**C. Reign Hadsell Prairie Burn-off:** The EPA has approved the burn. James and Steve are coordinating with Chief Byers. No date has been scheduled. The community will be informed. A short discussion followed regarding options to best proceed.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom.com Meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Approved:

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Wendelin Taylor, Asst. Fiscal Officer

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Chris McCreight, Chairperson