

Hiram Recreation & Park Board

Meeting Minutes
Rosser Municipal Building
11617 Garfield Road, Hiram OH 44234

April 17, 2015

Park Board Members:

Chris Szell, Chairperson
Susan Merrill
Sam Bixler

Beautification Commission Members:

Official Recorder:

Assistant Fiscal Officer Wendelin Taylor,

Others Present:

Stacy Turner, Reporter for The Villager

General: Chris Szell called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Chris mentioned three changes needed to be made to the March 6 minutes. Clarifications on some wording regarding the hike and bike trail. Chris has discussed changes with Rosemary Yukich, recorder for the March 6th meeting. Rosemary has approved the changes be made and written into the minutes. Susan Merrill made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2015 meeting. Sam Bixler seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Old Business:

A. Update on NatureWorks Grant: There have been no agreements yet.

B. Portage Foundation Grant: Ms. Linda Ferguson informed Chris that Hiram has been awarded \$2000.00.

C. Recreational Trails Grant: No news regarding the grant. Chris had spoken to a representative from the Recreational Trails Grant. The trails budget will need to be modified. Costs for exercise equipment should be removed.

D. Hiram Trust Grant: Awards will be announced in May.

E. Bio-swales: Davey Resource to submit estimates for green infrastructure. Playground area may need to be reoriented in consideration of existing catch basin, the water flow to and overflow filtration from that feature.

F. Baseball field: Susan has contacted Matt Rini regarding the use of the field. Seven leagues have been contacted and at this time there has been no response.

New Business:

A. Upcoming Grants:

i. Hiram Community Trust: Chris has written a letter of support for Dr. Redmond (Hiram College). Her request references universal learning design.

ii. Land and Water Conservation Fund: Chris will meet with the Regional Planning Commission on April 22 for help in writing the grant and intends to submit a grant on May 1.

B. Review of Current Budget: Summary of Funding Budget and overview of Master Budget were presented by Chris.

C. Hiram Park Playground: Game-Time quote has been received. The quote includes engineering, surfacing, installation and delivery fee. Chris would like to remove two play elements from the quote and look into having the Village Maintenance Dept. install the equipment. This would reduce the cost Dave Williams provided.

D. Establish Plan for the Year: List of maintenance items for Jagow Park needs to be discussed with Bob Wood. Other items that could be addressed: painting lines on the ballfield, gutters on picnic structure and paving of drive and parking of new park. Chris will email Bob regarding any items that may need to be addressed.

The next meeting of the Park Board is set for Friday, May 1, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.
Susan moved to adjourn and Sam Bixler was second. The meeting adjourned 9:50 am.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Assistant Fiscal Officer
Wendelin Taylor

Approved:



Chris Szell, Chairperson