

Hiram Recreation & Park Board

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

April 20, 2017

Park Board Members:

Chris Szell, Chairperson
Steve Zabor
James McGee, Village Administrator

Official Recorder:

Wendelin Taylor, Assistant Fiscal Officer

Others Present:

Jo Walsh-Cobb, ~~Stacy Turner~~

General: Chris Szell called the meeting to order at 4:32 pm. The minutes from the March 23, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Chris motioned to accept minutes from the March meeting. Steve seconded.

Miscellaneous: Susan Merrill has stepped down from her position with the Recreation & Park Board. The Mayor has appointed Steve Zabor to fill her position through July 2019. Sam Bixler is now due to be reappointed. Chris Szell was reappointed for 3 year term at the end of 2016.

Old Business:

A. Reimbursements from grants: Chris stated that the Land & Water Grant and NatureWorks Grant have reimbursed approximately \$28,000.00 to the Village.

B. Hiram School Park: R2K Construction has been awarded the contract for the construction of the gazebo, ADA path to the play structure, installation of electrical, installation of sidewalks, installation of ADA compliant platform for the picnic area, and gravel path to the play area. The Village has signed the contract and forwarded copies for signature to the Village Solicitor and R2K. Once this is process is completed the R2K will be sent an order to proceed. Ohio Prairie Nursery has requested the prairie area of the playground be mowed and sprayed. ~~Ohio Prairie Nursery~~ will be prepping the area for planting.

Village Administrator

C. Jagow Park: The grill repair is ongoing. The Beautification Commission has approved monies for the extra bench installation. Steve Zabor will purchase the materials from Carter Lumber. Jo Walsh-Cobb has student volunteers available before May 1st. James will machine augur the post holes for the bench

D. Community Yard Sale: Last year the Park Board raised \$483.00. It is recommended the yard sale event be continued in 2018. Jo Walsh-Cobb suggested any event be coordinated with the opening of the Hiram School park possibly as a grand opening event.

New Business:

A. New Grant Applications: Chris will be submitting grant applications for monies to fund Phase II of the Hiram School Park to the Portage Foundation, NatureWorks and the Walmart Foundation. He has already submitted an application for \$2,000.00 to the Portage Foundation for the May round of funding requests. He will have completed and submitted this round of applications by June.

B. Legislation: Resolution 2017-10 regarding the application for and subsequent acceptance of grant funds from NatureWorks. Ordinance 2017-11 which is on second reading, regarding the number of Park Board voting members and what constitutes a quorum.

C. Hiram School Park Storm Water Drains: James has jetted debris out of the storm drain and it is running clean. There is a second storm drain catch basin that has been discovered and is in need of repair. The location of both drains has been given to Joe Bodnar of Aquila Architectural.

D. Jagow Park Ball Field: The in-field rehab is coming along nicely and the coach using the field seemed to be happy with the progress.

The next meeting will be held May 18, 2017 at 4:30 pm. Chris motioned to adjourn. Steve seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:41 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Assistant Fiscal Officer
Wendelin Taylor

Approved:



Chris Szell, Chairperson