

Hiram Recreation & Park Board

Meeting Minutes

Rosser Municipal Building
11617 Garfield Road, Hiram OH 44234

August 17, 2017

Park Board Members:

Chris Szell, Chairperson
Sam Bixler, Steve Zabor,
James McGee, Village Administrator

Official Recorder:

Wendelin Taylor, Assistant Fiscal Officer

Others Present:

Jo Walsh-Cobb, Steve Schuller Asst. Village Administrator

General: Chris Szell called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m. The minutes from the July 13, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Chris motioned to accept the minutes. Steve Zabor seconded. Motion passed. Chris reviewed the new Ordinance requiring 5 Recreation and Park Board members. He will reach out to the Mayor concerning the 5th member.

Public Comment: Jo Walsh-Cobb gave an update on the Facebook page and the article regarding the naming of the Hiram School Park that appeared in the Weekly Villager. The article requested name suggestions for the park accompanied by a brief explanation for the suggestion. The deadline for submissions is September 1, 2017.

Old Business:

A. Hike and Bike Trail: The trail has been re-engineered to accommodate a heavier road base due to the discovery of an abandoned trash dump on the site. The dump itself is not of any hazard environmentally. The concern is that the trail base would sink not allowing heavy construction or emergency vehicles access. The problem has been corrected and paving should start the week of August 21st.

B. Hiram School Park: Great Northern Apartment Dumpsters – The dumpster relocation may require a zoning variance. Any easements will require the lot be surveyed and a legal description be done. Tom Reitz, the Village Solicitor, suggests a license for the dumpster placement be issued. Discussion regarding what that would entail followed.

New Business:

A. Beautification Commission: Meetings are not being attended by Commission members. Reminders are being sent out several times in advance of meeting dates and no one can or will attend. The Ordinance establishing the Beautification Commission requires the Commission consist of a representative from Hiram Township, a representative from the Village and a representative from Hiram College. Chris is proposing that in the absence of a sitting Beautification Commission, the Recreation and Park Board make the recommendations to Council for allocation or awarding of funds on behalf of the Beautification Commission.

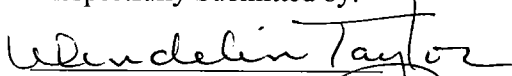
B. Grant Monies and Donations Received by the Recreation and Park Board:

The Recreation and Park Board has received the following grant monies: Hiram Community Trust - \$3,784.00 total, Portage Foundation - \$500.00, Hiram Community Garage Sale - \$194.25

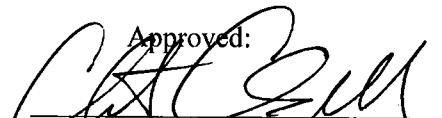
C. Jagow Park Ballfield: Fence quote: \$1280.26 for new poles, skirting and aluminizing paint. Steve Schuller stated the dug-out rehab project will be approximately \$1245.00. He asked the Park Board and Beautification match the amount required to rehab the ballfield including benches and new bases, with grant funds. Steve Zabor made a motion to recommend Council use Beautification funds to match with grant funds received, the amount required to rehabilitate the ballfield. Chris Szell seconded. All voted aye.

The next meeting will be held September 28, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:


Wendelin Taylor, Asst. Fiscal Officer

Approved:


Chris Szell, Chairperson