

Hiram Recreation & Park Board

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

July 13, 2017

Park Board Members:

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

Official Recorder:

Wendelin Taylor, Assistant Fiscal Officer

Others Present:

Jo Walsh-Cobb

General: Chris Szell called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. The minutes from the June 22, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Steve Zabor motioned to accept the minutes. Sam seconded. Motion passed.

Public Comment: Jo Walsh-Cobb has put together an article for the Villager regarding requests for park name suggestions. She has constructed a Facebook page for the Recreation & Park Board which will feature park and Hiram community events. The Park Board suggested that suggestions for a park name be submitted by September 1, 2017. They also approved the submission of the article to the Villager and the launching of the Facebook page.

Old Business:

A. Hike and Bike Trail: Additional trees will need to be removed at the College dining hall end of the trail. The entrance at that end will be leveled and landscaped. The College has been informed of the additional tree removal.

B. Hiram School Park: It has come to James McGee's attention that the trash dumpsters for Great Northern Apartments may be on village owned park property. A portion of the driveway for the apartments also runs across the property. The drive itself is a private road owned by Great Northern, if parking for the new park is ever considered an easement with the apartment landowner may be necessary. The survey pins marking the property lines need to be located before any discussion can proceed. Chris Szell brought the Park Board members up to date on the State Board of Appeals which approved a seasonal portable toilet for the new park. The portable toilet must be handicap accessible and a handwashing station must accompany the unit.

New Business:

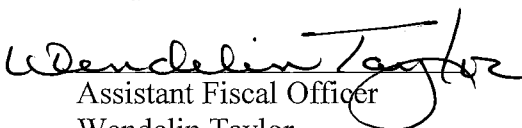
A. Hiram School Park Gazebo Relocation: Chris provided a drawing of the newest location for the gazebo. An updated cost estimate and start date will be submitted by R2K Construction. A short discussion regarding the drawings and test hole drilling for the footer followed.

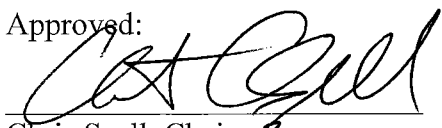
B. Hiram Community Trust: The Park Board received grant funds to refurbish the parking lot at the new park on Bancroft Road. The Village Administrator's office also received grant funds to refurbish the Jagow Play Park baseball field. The fence and benches will be addressed first. Any remaining monies may be used to place some kind of surfacing material under the benches and if possible purchase new bases.

The next meeting will be held August 17, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Approved:


Assistant Fiscal Officer
Wendelin Taylor


Chris Szell, Chairperson