

## **Hiram Recreation & Park Board**

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

**June 22, 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

**General:** Chris Szell called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m. The minutes from the May 18, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Steve motioned to accept the minutes. Chris seconded. Motion passed. Wendelin spoke on behalf of Sgt. Brian Gregory. He is willing to take over the Community Garage Sale. He has proposed the date be set for August 26, 2017 and requested Chris forward the information. The basketball courts will be relined and new nets installed before July 1<sup>st</sup>. Also, basketballs and footballs will be made available on the honor system. Balls will be kept on the Police Dept. back porch. This information will be posted in the Communicator.

**Public Comment:** Jo Walsh-Cobb asked if the Recreation & Park Board is interested in a Facebook page to post announcements and promote the Hiram Parks. Jo is willing to establish the page and management from her personal Facebook account. Chris asked if the page can be established and not launched until the site has been reviewed and approved. Jo stated that the Park's Facebook page would have its own Facebook name, Jo would run it off her page tied into an email set up specifically for the Park Board. Other concerns were discussed. The Board agreed to allow Jo to proceed with the provision the Facebook page be reviewed and approved.

### **Old Business:**

A. Hiram Community Trust: A grant request for \$5000.00 was submitted for the Hiram School Park phase II. The Park Board was awarded \$2000.00

B. Hike and Bike Trail: Issues have arisen with the Village water supply lines that run under the trail. Those water supply lines will need to be lowered. Once the trail is complete it will have a porous asphalt surface that will need to be cleared of leaf and other debris. There will also be other normal maintenance issues to be addressed at a later date.

C. Hiram School Park: The gazebo construction has been delayed. Old footers and debris from the demolished school have been hit in several locations preventing the installation of the gazebo footer. This will necessitate the relocation of the gazebo. The ballfield (once it is actually installed) will also need to be relocated. Steve made a motion for the Board to allow Chris to approve any minor adjustments to the gazebo location. Sam seconded. Motion passed.

### **New Business:**

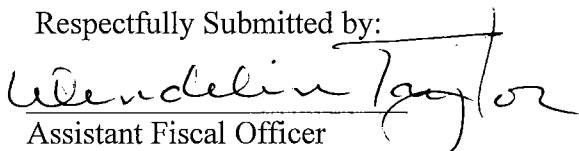
A. Jagow Park: Ken Pike, representing the Hiram Historical Society, requested lilies in the north bed be removed. The flower bed has been removed and 4 planters have been placed at that location to be filled with annuals.

B. Great Northern Apartments: It appears the apartment dumpsters are located on park property. A letter will be sent to Don Gruly asking for documentation giving permission from the Village for the placement of the dumpsters.


C. Hiram School Park Restroom Facility: The Portage County Building Department requires restroom facilities be installed with the park improvements. Joe Bodnar will represent Hiram at the Ohio Board of Appeals meeting. The Village is asking a variance to provide seasonally, a handicap accessible portable restroom.

The next meeting will be held July 13, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. Meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

  
Assistant Fiscal Officer  
Wendelin Taylor

Approved:

  
Chris Szell, Chairperson