

Hiram Recreation & Park Board

Meeting Minutes

Rosser Municipal Building

11617 Garfield Road, Hiram OH 44234

May 18, 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 4:33 p.m. The minutes from the April 20, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Correction: Stacy Turner was not in attendance. James McGee will be prepping the prairie site at the Hiram School Park. Chris made a motion to accept minutes from the April meeting with strike through corrections. Steve seconded. April's meeting minutes were accepted. Jo Walsh-Cobb left at 4:40.

Public Comment: Jo Walsh-Cobb asked if the Park Board if a Facebook page existed and did the Board want to set up a Facebook page. Chris did respond that he would not be opposed if someone volunteered to keep it up. No decision was made.

Old Business:

A. Student Intern for Park and Cemetery Work: The request for a college intern was not submitted.

B. Jagow Park: The second grill has been repaired and installed. A bench has been installed as well.

C. Hiram School Park: James is waiting for a schedule of costs and a timeline from R2K. A question was raised as to whether R2K is constructing the gazebo or are they using a subcontractor.

D. Nature Works: The first reimbursement has been received. Chris will be asking for a grant extension. It is scheduled to expire in June.

E. Project Budgets: Hiram School Park play curbs were ordered from Discount Playground Equipment at approximately \$4000.00, a savings over the GameTime price of \$8000.00. The initial Village contribution to the park construction was estimated at \$44,000.00. Currently the Village contribution is estimated to be \$25,100.00 which is considerably lower than the former figure.

New Business:

A. Grant Applications: Grant applications have been submitted to NatureWorks for \$16,000.00. A grant application has been submitted to the Hiram Community Trust for \$5000.00 on behalf of the park. James has submitted grant applications to the Hiram Community Trust for rehab work at the ballfield and headstone work at the cemetery. Chris is still working on the Walmart grant application.

B. Crestwood School Work Day: Chris feels the day went very well. The students did a great job with the spring clean-up effort. The Jagow Park and the ballfield look good.

C. Portage Foundation Grant: The Park Board received a grant check of \$500.00.

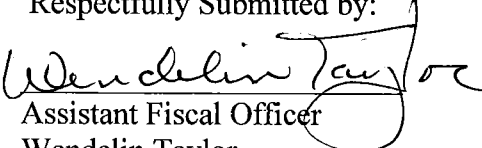
D. Hike and Bike Trail: Construction is underway. A municipal waterline has to be moved and that project will be done soon. Also an electrical line will be moved. Construction should be complete in July.

E. Recreation and Park Board membership legislation: The legislation regarding the membership specifics and


definition of a quorum is coming up on a 3rd reading. Chris suggested that the current members address any concerns to Council President Tom Wadkins or to the Mayor.

The next meeting will be held June 22, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. Chris motioned to adjourn. Sam seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:


Assistant Fiscal Officer
Wendelin Taylor

Approved:


Chris Szell, Chairperson