

**Hiram Recreation & Park Board**  
Meeting Minutes via Video Conferencing  
Rosser Municipal Building  
11617 Garfield Road, Hiram OH 44234

**May 4, 2021**

**Park Board Members:** Chris McCreight, Chairperson  
Mayor Lou Bertrand  
Jo Walsh-Cobb  
Steve Zabor  
James McGee, Village Administrator

**Absent:** Suzann Bennett

**Official Recorder:** Wendelin Taylor, Asst. Fiscal Officer

**Others Present:** Chris Szell, Brian Wipkey

**General:** Chris McCreight called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm. James McGee motioned to accept March 2021 minutes. Jo Walsh-Cobb seconded. Motion passed. Steve Zabor motioned to accept the April minutes. Jo Walsh-Cobb seconded. Motion passed.

**Public Comment:**

**Old Business:**

**A. Project Re-cap: James Mc**

- Hike & Bike Trail: The trail will need sealed. The rails along the trail will need to be painted. They have been painted with graffiti that cannot be removed. Jo thinks she has spotted the missing bench wedged in a tree near the Frisbee golf course.
- Jagow Park: James feels pavilion the roof needs to be replaced. He tried to physically get on to the roof and did not feel the structure was safe. He will be calling contractors to take a look at the roof and possibly give the Village a quote to do the work.  
The water fountain piping is leaking. James and Steve have dug several exploratory holes to try to locate the leak(s) without success. They are still working on the problem.  
The basketball court will need to be sealed this season. James is trying to contact the contractor who has given a quote. He will let the Park Board know when he has talked to the gentleman.  
Mulching is an ongoing project.
- Reign Hadsell park: Turn around still needs to be removed, replaced with grass and the fencing completed.  
There is a graffiti problem at the park. James feels the lighting is insufficient to enable the security camera to capture a good image of the area. The image has a "halo" glare around it that ruins the picture.

- B. Bike Racks:** At the last meeting Steve mentioned he might have up to four (4) racks to donate to the Village. He has since been reminded that two (2) were promised to Mantua. The Rotary Club of Garrettsville is in the process of writing a grant for more back racks and Steve believes they may be willing to donate racks to Hiram. Steve, Jo and Chris M. did walk around Hiram to locations for the bike racks and could only identify a couple of spots. One being tree lawn in front of the Post Office and the other at the southwest corner of Jagow Park. The next step is to have a discussion with private property owners regarding the location at the Post Office and also to have a discussion with the Zoning Inspector Dominic Gualtieri regarding zoning.

**New Business:**

- A. **Jagow Park:** The gate is getting hard to open. James is aware of the problem and believes the posts need to be replaced.
- B. **Signage:** The quote for the Village corner signs is approximately \$5000. The quote for the park signage is approximately \$3000. A grant proposal will need to be put together for the monies to fund the sign project. Application for the Hiram Community College Grant is May 14, 2021.
- C. **Dog Waste Stations:** Chris McCreight has forwarded information to the Board regarding dog waste stations for the Hike & Bike trail. He asked the group read of the proposed grant information and give him their feedback.
- D. **Dog Park:** Steve Schuller had stated the dog park perimeter had been flagged. Chris M. did not have an opportunity to take a look at that and believes those flags are now down. Chris suggested that due to time constraints on grant applications the project be pushed back to next year or other funding be pursued.
- E. **Memorial Trees:** Jo stated that the Eckhouse family has asked a memorial tree be planted at Reign Hadsell in honor of M.J. Eckhouse. Discussion followed regarding types of trees, maintenance, best planting times and locations.

**Other Business:**

James will meet with Chris McCreight and Steve Zabor to walk the parks on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Chris and Steve will meet James at the service garage. A meeting with the remaining members will be scheduled at a later date.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom.com Meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Approved:

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Wendelin Taylor, Asst. Fiscal Officer

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Chris McCreight, Chairperson