

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

November 8, 2021

Park Board Members:

Chris McCreight, Chairperson
Chris Szell
Steve Zabor
James McGee, Village Administrator

Absent:

Suzann Bennett
Jo Walsh-Cobb
Mayor Lou Bertrand

Official Recorder:

Wendelin Taylor, Asst. Fiscal Officer

Others Present:

General: Chris McCreight called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm. Steve Zabor motioned to accept May 2021 minutes. James McGee seconded. All voted aye, motion passed.

Public Comment:

Old Business:

A. Parks General

- **Jagow:** The Streets Department will possibly have a new fountain to install. At present there are some questions as to who actually owns the Century House. The building sits on Village park property; however the Historical Society claims the structure is theirs. The question of ownership is being researched. Currently a sewer line needs to be replaced that connects to the Century House. James has a quote for \$20,000 to replace the line. His question is who is responsible for paying that, the Village or the Historical Society. James added the bike and bench have not been installed at the park. James has mowed the prairie at Reign Hadsell Park. He would like to do the prairie burn in the spring. He also found the missing post from the college end of the Hike and Bike trail.
- **Bike Racks:** Steve Zabor has been in contact with the business owner on Hayden regarding the bike rack installation. He stated a variance application needs to be submitted to the Zoning Commission. A pad needs to be poured at Jagow Park before the rack(s) can be installed there. Also, he is waiting for the Rotary "wheel" to be mounted on the bike racks.

- B. Grants** – The Mayor forwarded information to Chris McCreight with new grant information. Chris Szell stated there is no rush on that process and that some of those funds may or may not be available for use by the parks.


New Business:

- A. Park Board Member Resignation** - Suzann Bennett has resigned from the Park Board. Chris McCreight will try to find someone interested in volunteering for the Board. He will then forward that information to the Mayor.

- B. Park Regulations** – Chief Gregory presented a proposal for park regulation to the Park Board. The current Village Codified code does not specifically regulations for the parks as it does for the cemetery. Eventually these regulations will need to be presented to Council in the form of legislation for approval. Neither Chris Szell or Steve Zabor had objections to what the Chief submitted to the Park Board. A discussion followed. Chris McCreight will share any comments with Chief Gregory.

The next meeting will be held December 6, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:


Wendelin Taylor, Asst. Fiscal Officer

Approved:


Chris McCreight, Chairperson