

**Hiram Recreation & Park Board**  
**Beautification Committee**  
Meeting Minutes  
Rosser Municipal Building  
11617 Garfield Road, Hiram OH 44234

**April 3, 2023**

**Park Board Members:**

Chris McCreight, Chairperson  
Isabel Kopp  
James McGee, Village Administrator  
Abigail Stevenson, Beautification Committee  
Mike Greenwood, Beautification Committee

**Absent:**

Mayor Lou Bertrand  
Debra Blake, Beautification Committee / Hiram Township Trustee

**Official Recorder:**

Wendelin Taylor, Asst. Fiscal Officer

**Guest:**

**General:** Chris McCreight called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Mr. McCreight called for a motion to accept the March meeting minutes. James McGee moved to accept the minutes. Isabel seconded. Motion passed. There is no quorum for Beatification at this meeting.

**Public Comment:**

**Park Equipment:** The soccer goals and basketball hoops have arrived, James has them on his list to assemble and place. Mr. McCreight will try to find a few volunteers to help with assembling the soccer goals. He asked James if the boxes could be delivered to Reign Hadsell Park for assembly. James would like a time and date the group will be on site, he does not want to simply drop them off and leave them unattended.

**Hiram Community Trust Grant:** James stated he wants to finish up the projects that have already been awarded funds. The Village has two or three projects which were awarded partial funding, unfortunately not enough funds for each to actually complete them. Mr. McCreight will check into the issue. Mr. McCreight would like to have a new grant proposal ready in two weeks. He would like some ideas for a new request and a first draft ready by April 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Grant Opportunities:** Ms. Kopp is working on possible grants for next year. Abigail volunteered to help her. James thinks CT Consultants should be contacted to have a look at the pavilion. Mr. McCreight asked if that can be done by mid-May. James will reach out to them. Abigail and Isabel will work together to try to find grant monies to complete some of the projects that have not been started due to underfunding. They will search for a possible grant to fund a dog park.

**Beautification:** Mr. Greenwood has sent information to Mr. McCreight regarding funding for trees. A short discussion followed. Mr. McCreight suggested Mr. Greenwood present his information to Council. Ms. Kopp mentioned she knows of someone that may be interested in volunteering as the Hiram Township-at-large Representative. Mayor Bertrand is responsible for appointing an individual to that position. Ms. Kopp will get the persons information.


**General:** none

The next meeting date is to be announced. Chris McCreight called for a motion to adjourn. James McGee motioned to adjourn. Isabel Kopp seconded. Meeting adjourned at 12.58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

  
Wendelin Taylor, Asst. Fiscal Officer

Approved:

  
Chris McCreight, Chairperson