

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

October 17, 2023

Park Board Members:

Chris McCreight, Chairperson
Mayor Lou Bertrand
Isabel Kopp
James McGee, Village Administrator
Abigail Stevenson, Beautification Committee
Mike Greenwood, Beautification Committee
Karen O'Sickey, Beautification Committee

Absent:

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 September meeting minutes. The amount received from the Hiram Community Trust was questioned. The amount will be researched and corrected if necessary. Tim Gibbons surname was misspelled. Wendelin will make the correction. Mayor Bertrand motioned to accept the minutes with corrections. Isabel Kopp seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

Park Board:

Feral Cats: Ms. Kopp asked if the proposed legislation exempted the college's catch and release program. Mayor Bertrand responded that the intent was to control feeding of feral cats in the Village. Ms. Stevenson explained the college's Veticus catch and release program which includes the spay/neutering of feral cats.

Survey: Ms. Stevenson has put together a survey for tree planting. She made a copy available to the members. It was suggested that the survey be circulated in the Weekly Villager, Communicator, and the Hiram Highlights (college student newspaper). Abigail will create a QRL for the posting. The discussion regarding the survey wording followed.

Grants: Ms. Stevenson and Ms. Kopp are working on grant preparation. They plan to continue working on that.

Parks General: The public parking signs and fencing for the Reign Hadsell Park are still in the works. James received a letter from Jason Groselle requesting the use of the ballfield next year. James asked the committee if he can grant permission for the use of the ballfield, does the committee want to grant that permission now? A discussion regarding reserving the field followed. Mr. McCreight asked the committee to further investigate possible grant opportunities. yes

Mr. McCreight asked for a motion to conclude the Park Board meeting and commence the Beautification Commission meeting. Ms. Kopp made a motion. James McGee seconded. All aye.

Beautification Commission:

Mr. Greenwood asked for some clarification on the survey. Will the survey link be included in the Communicator and Weekly Villager? How will the survey be publicized? Ms. Kopp and Ms. Stevenson responded that yes it would be and that it could be possibly posting it on the Hiram Neighborhood facebook page. Mr. McCreight asked for a motion to request the distribution of funds from the Reigh Hadsell Trust. Mr. Greenwood made the motion. Ms. Stevenson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The next Park Board/ Beautification meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

Mr. Greenwood called for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Kopp made the motion. Ms. Stevenson seconded. The meeting adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:


Wendelin Taylor, Asst. Fiscal Officer

Approved:


Chris McCreight, Chairperson