

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

November 2, 2022

Park Board Members:

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

Absent:

Mayor Lou Bertrand
Mike Greenwood, Beautification Committee
Denny Taylor, Beautification Committee

Official Recorder:

Wendelin Taylor, Asst. Fiscal Officer

Guest:

General: Chris McCreight called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m. Mr. McCreight called for a motion to accept the October 5, 2022 meeting minutes. Isabel Kopp moved to accept the minutes. James McGee seconded. Motion passed.

Public Comment:

Century House: James reported the discharge pipe has been capped off. There is a patch of cement block that has been cut and should be repaired. James is not certain when that will be done.

Donated Trees: Mr. McCreight reported one tree donated in MJ's memory has been planted. Ms. Kopp stated that according to Tom Franek it will take approximately three (3) years a tree to establish itself and begin to grow. Three additional trees have been purchased and planted to provide shade at the Hadsell Park playground. None of the trees purchased are nut bearing. A discussion followed regarding future use of the park. The Village has baseball fields available one through the Village at Jagow Park and one at the college. Mr. McCreight is in favor of placing soccer goals at Hadsell Park. The money to purchase the soccer goals has been request through the Hiram Community Trust. At the Park Board walking tour the committee discussed future plantings and Mr. McCreight has a tentative map he will bring to the next meeting.

Mr. McCreight requested a motion to reimburse Isabel Kopp for the purchase of three trees. James McGee moved to reimburse Isabel. Abigail Stevenson seconded. Motion passed.

Non-smoking Area at Ball Field: The proposed legislation for the smoking ban has been forwarded to the Village solicitor.

Jagow Park: Mr. McCreight has student volunteers available to finish mulching the Jagow play area on Saturday, November 5th. James will move the mulch into the play area. **Pavilion:** James has seen raccoons running up into the rafters. James feels the supports are in good condition but the roof does need to be replaced. The optimal solution would be to raze the structure and rebuild. However, new construction would require handicap accessibility and a restroom facility. Unfortunately that could be a million dollar project. James feels the roof should be replaced, that should last

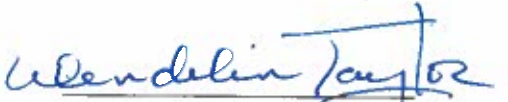
Grant Opportunities: Mayor Bertrand will be forwarding grant information to Mr. McCreight. If any information presents grant opportunities the Park Board can utilize Mr. McCreight.

Dog Park: Abigail enquired if the dog park was still on tap for the future. Mr. McCreight stated the project is on hold due to the logistics of where to place the fencing and what amenities should be made available to the residents utilizing the area. James mentioned that he has received a few concerns from residents with property adjacent to the park. They are worried the dogs at the park will cause problems with neighborhood dogs. Mr. McCreight is concerned that one adult with a child and a dog would not be able to properly supervise both, one at the play area and the other at the dog park. James mentioned the wooded area off the Hike & Bike trail might be a better location for a dog park.


Bike Racks: The Village has one larger bike rack and one bench that need to be installed. James will be working on that project as time allows.

The next meeting date is to be announced. Chris McCreight called for a motion to adjourn. Isabel Kopp made motion to adjourn. James seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:


Wendelin Taylor, Asst. Fiscal Officer

Approved:


Chris McCreight, Chairperson