



Park & Rec Committee
Thursday, July 8, 2021 - 10:00 AM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Carol Van Deest called the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting for July 8, 2021 to order at 10:00 am

2. Roll Call

Present - Carol Van Deest, Chip Dutcher
Absent - Sharon Hendren

Staff present - Jim Lenner - Village Manager, Jack Liggett - Assistant Village Manager, Bailey Klimchak - Village Planner, Jim Blair - Zoning Inspector, Cheryl Robertson - Council, Teresa Monroe - Clerk of Council

Public present - Richard Waugh - Licking Park District, Craig Bohning - Downtown Johnstown, Dick Mosley - Licking Park District

3. Action on Minutes

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ACTION: Chip Dutcher moved to Approve; Carol Van Deest seconded and all were in favor
AYES: Carol Van Deest, Chip Dutcher
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 2 - 0

Carol Van Deest shared a power point presentation on the history and progress of amenities at the Trailhead.

2021 Committee Goals

1. Apply for the 2020-2021 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant through ODOT for Raccoon Creek Park Trail Phase I
2. Establish a Joint Recreation District - Discussions in progress
3. Continue to work on the Mastodon Preserve and the Johnstown Trailhead Park projects -Parking lot completion, ~~Concrete pad removal~~ Establish a Dog Park, Tree plantings
4. Continue to work toward a Longwell & Miles Memorial Estate implementation plan
5. Continue discussions with JYAA about their soccer fields that are surrounded by Raccoon Creek Park (Dick Hill property) - In Progress
6. Pursue bike path extensions - In preliminary discussion
7. Pursue a Raccoon Creek path extension to Edwards Road
8. Market community assets - Parks, Trailhead (Shared ED goal)
9. Walkway to Hannahs Park from US 62f

Noted during presentation:

Sidewalk installation to shelter house not complete, Jack Liggett to contact Holbrook Concrete again.

Pedestrian counter installed and working well, Bailey Klimchak gave an update on how it works.

Bailey Klimchak would like to install a boulder with a plaque listing partners who have contributed.

4. Tree Commission Update / Bailey

Tree Commission met with the arborist, he provided analysis on the large oak tree at the future home of the dog park, will be scheduled for trimming. Also analyzed Main Street trees, will be scheduled for trimming. Would like to add arborist contact information to website as the village recommended arborist.

Arbor Day event; Ms. Klimchak coordinating with elementary school for the ceremony and will also plant a tree in front of the Municipal building. Ms. Robertson expressed concern for one of the South Main Street trees and its health, Ms. Klimchak said it may have already been identified by the arborist, will check out.

5. Active Transportation Plan

a. Healthy Community Funding / Bailey

Bailey Klimchak said that Carrie McKee from Licking County Health Department is in charge of creating healthy communities and has funding every year to help communities do trails and active transportation; goal is to lower rates of diabetes and chronic health issues by creating projects that encourage active transportation like walking and biking and that also encourage healthy nutrition and eating. They have \$5,000 available this year to grant to the village and the Active Transportation Plan (ATP); Ms. Klimchak proposal to purchase the bike racks and have installed in various locations, need to check prices. Location ideas discussed: Bigelow Park, near Dashing Diner, Family Restaurant, Belt Park, Hot Spot. Discussion and explanation on bicycle friendly businesses as part of our marketing; Bike racks, Fix-it station, Bike friendly business stickers.

Talked about crosswalk location identification in the ATP, artistic touch potential, discussion on annual cost for maintenance/touch up.

ACTION: Carol Van Deest moved to Approve using the \$5,000 to pay for Bike Racks, Fix-It station, and Bike friendly business stickers; Chip Dutcher seconded and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Carol Van Deest, Chip Dutcher

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 2 - 0

6. TAP Grant

Reapplying for the TAP Grant was previously discussed, Bailey Klimchak said she is worried there is not enough time to get things ready for a letter of interest by October; but can apply for a TAP Grant to start the trail extension since we have the mobility project identified. Said we could reapply for Raccoon Creek phase one, discussion on engineer, would need an updated cost estimate, would need engineer review. Discussion on funding that could be applied for. Decision to reapply for Raccoon Creek.

7. Johnstown Trailhead Park Updates

a. Dog Park

Tony Baldwin on the schedule for fencing to start on August 16th, service department to dig trench the week before; park should be in by Labor Day. Bailey to order rules signage, will use Park District template.

b. Shelter House sidewalk/landscaping

Waiting on concrete sidewalk installation; need to get cost estimate and coordinate additional small jobs to use a full truck load.

c. Parking Lot paving

Paving will be done when Law comes to do the South Oregon Street paving; likely September. Need to check where money was approved from. Striping not included, service department will thermoplastic.

8. Downtown Johnstown, Inc. updates

Craig Bohning said Springfest was successful, Summerfest coming August 21st. Craig said he has been asked to be on the County Park District Levy Committee; new levy being requested as the old one expired, cost is \$13/year per \$100,000 evaluation; the park district asks for Council's support of the levy by resolution.

9. Licking Park District - Richard Waugh

Richard Waugh updated on the progress of the Concord Road parking lot; has a quote to get the survey, needs to meet one more time with the T.J. Evans Foundation to confirm that. He knows what he has to do with the village to get across the right-of-way to make access for a curb cut; he thinks the lot will happen and will happen by the end of the year. Added that he would need to have recorded, would need to finalize agreements with Wilcox and the TJ Evans Foundation. Jim Lenner asked if that would take out the gravel area there now, Mr. Waugh said no. Mr. Lenner said that would need to be reseeded.

10. Other Business

1. Discussion on artist murals in town; Mr. Lenner has met with a local artist. Discussion on committee interest for murals on the silos on Track Street as well as various building possibilities.
 2. Hannahs Park sign fell over; sounds like it has been fixed.
 3. Mayor Dutcher said he was contacted by JHS Band Director Mr. Zirile on a potential location for an amphitheater. Sledding hill area at Hannahs Park discussed as a perfect location although concern for the amount of parking. Conversation in early stages.
 4. Discussion on organizing the new Joint Recreation District; Park and Rec committee to
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hold an organizational meeting. Setting up village emails for members, reach out and check availability to attend the August 12th committee meeting or schedule a meeting that can work for all.

11. Adjourn

ACTION: Chip Dutcher moved to Adjourn; Carol Van Deest seconded and all were in favor.

AYES: Carol Van Deest, Chip Dutcher

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 2 - 0

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am
