



Park & Rec Committee
Thursday, June 11, 2020 - 10:00 AM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Mayor Chip Dutcher called the Park and Rec Committee meeting for June 11, 2020 to order at 10:11 AM.

Members present: Dutcher, Hendren.

Members absent: Van Deest

Staff present: Jim Lenner - Village Manager, Bailey Klimchak - Village Planner, Jack Liggett - Ast. Village Manager, Jim Blair - Zoning Inspector, Teresa Monroe - Clerk of Council

Public present: Craig Bohning - Downtown Johnstown, Richard Waugh - Licking Parks Director, Dick Moseley - Licking Parks Boardmember

2. Review of Active Projects

1. Raccoon Creek Park: discussion on a path that would connect the Pulte Homes site to US62; Ms. Klimchak asked if a permanent path could be put on a village easement, Mr. Liggett said yes and to keep in mind when a path is built, it needs to handle the weight of a jet truck. Mr. Moseley added that it was important for the estimator to know this would be a ten foot path with two foot shoulders or gutters on each side.

2. Mastodon: Jim Lenner said Terry Priest sent some drawings for a sign concept; Craig Bohning asked for a copy to take to Downtown Johnstown meeting next week to see if there is a way to contribute.

3. Richard Waugh said LCATS has cancelled the Taste of Trails and is coordinating a scavenger hunt for taking "selfies" at different points of interest; they would like to include Johnstown and our mastodon somehow.

4. Miles Estate: No reports filed

3. Trail head Plan

Bailey Klimchak and Jack Liggett submitted a Johnstown Trailhead Completion Project Proposal to the Committee; the proposal compiles a list of projects previously discussed to finish the park and make it an attraction and destination for those who come to the trail. Proposed projects, cost estimates and timelines discussed included: 2020 construction of a shelter house, same size as the one at Rolling Meadows Park (\$40,000; potential donation and grant opportunity for a portion), removal of unhealthy trees and brush (\$20,000), 2021 parking lot expansion (no estimate at this time, working with Craig Bohning), addressing water issues by Douglas Road (new drain tile installed could be done in-house), 2022 addition of a dog park (\$12,000), and planting new trees (Tree Commission and possible donation). Further conversation on other activities included a Pickleball court which Ms. Klimchak said would need to be located elsewhere, DJI interest in putting in a basketball court using the existing concrete pad and decision for no playground at this park. Mr. Liggett noted there is no electric at the trailhead park and has asked the contractor for estimates on solar power for the shelter house; Ms. Klimchak is working to submit a grant application to the Energy Cooperative.

4. General Updates

1. Wastewater director oversees maintenance of trailhead restroom; check on use and if it has needed emptied.
2. Due to complaints, the trail is being sprayed for mosquitoes this evening.
3. Johnstown Food Truck event 4 - 8 pm on June 21, 2020

5. Other Business

1. Jack Liggett said he received a complaint regarding the cafe seating area outside of Ghostwriter restaurant; insufficient room for a wheelchair to pass on the sidewalk between the roped seating area and the light pole. Mr. Blair said A.D.A requires five feet and when originally measured they were in compliance. A post may have gotten moved, a simple call to the owners will correct.
2. Johnstown playgrounds opened yesterday.

6. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.