



Park & Rec Committee
Thursday, August 19, 2021 - 10:00 AM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Carol Van Deest called the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting for August 19, 2021 to order at 10:00 am

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

Staff present - Jim Lenner, Bailey Klimchak, Jim Blair, Jack Liggett, Teresa Monroe.

Public present - Craig Bohning, Dick Mosley, Carrie McKee, Keith Ryan joined during.

2. Action on Minutes

a. July 8, 2021

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

AYES: Carol Van Deest, Chip Dutcher

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 2 - 0

3. Creating Healthy Communities; Licking County Health Dept. - Carrie McKee

Carrie McKee attended, coordinator of the Creating Healthy Communities (CHC) Grant at the Licking County Health Department, a grant they receive from Ohio Department of Health that funnels from the CDC. Every year they work on strategies to improve active living and access to fresh healthy foods; the vision of the grant is to make the healthy choice the easy choice. Along with the active living strategy she has worked on active transportation and bike and pedestrian infrastructure. Looking at Johnstown's Active

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

Transportation Plan she saw an opportunity to help with the bike infrastructure and CHC is able to provide \$5,000 toward the effort. Explanation of bike friendly business programs - businesses who would provide water, would have bike parking and make restrooms available to cyclists, could have a decal that would designate them as bike friendly; used Miamisburg as example. Discussion on cycling routes and potential for wayfinding to help cyclists. Johnstown will be installing three bike racks and a fix-it station in Bigelow Park. Bailey Klimchak said in the long term we may want to begin looking at crosswalks identified in the Active Transportation Plan.

4. Johnstown Trailhead Park Updates

c. Parking Lot Paving

Jack Liggett updated that the contractor paving South Oregon Street will pave the water plant parking lot and the Trailhead parking lot at the same time.

Rogers Concrete should be pouring the sidewalk from the bike path to the shelter house and the concrete pad for the bike racks at Bigelow by the end of the month. Ms. Van Deest said that Marvin Block passed along that there were twenty nine cars parked at the Trailhead this weekend so the addition to the parking lot is very needed.

a. Dog Park

Project delayed due to rain; hopeful for work to begin next week with getting the trench for the fence in. Bailey Klimchak updated that Council adopted the Dog Park rules, she ordered and has received the signs. Jim Blair noted that the Mastodon Trail needs the weeds cut back, they are growing across the trail.

b. Shelter House sidewalk/landscaping

Grass has been planted and is growing

5. Tree Commission Update / Bailey

Tree Preservation Standards Ordinance has been sent to Council. Bailey Klimchak is working with Johnstown Elementary school to plant a tree for Arbor Day, they have chosen a Swamp White Oak; working on picking a ceremony/planting date. Carol Van Deest made committee aware of the arboretum located near Searfoss.

6. Downtown Johnstown, Inc. Updates

Craig Bohning provided updates; Summerfest happening Saturday, August 21st. Said DJI has a little money and offered help on any projects the village may want to partner on; suggestions on park benches and new seasonal banners for the downtown street poles. Discussion on the City Flag Contest, add submissions for consideration on next agenda.

7. Licking Park District - Richard Waugh

Dick Mosley reported on the Concord Road parking lot; the survey has been completed, they have a quote from Jaw Excavating, estimated cost is \$22,865, right now waiting on permits and waiting on property closing before any work can be done. Village will need to return current gravel area along Concord back to grass, will need to install no parking signage. Township Trustees will need to add a sign at the top of the hill on Concord Road

warning of the parking lot entrance.

Update given on the parks levy, Craig Bohning is Johnstown area levy representative; Mr. Mosley provided a brochure being given out promoting the levy.

8. Other Business

1. Jim Lenner provided an update on the Johnstown Joint Recreation District organizational meeting that took place on August 12th. Working to appoint a fifth member by the next meeting, August 25th 6:30 pm council chambers. Will begin work to get the 501c3 tax exempt status. The village will be providing some in-kind support to get them up and running. Some discussion on a fifth member.
2. Carol Van Deest said she needs the contact for the artist (Cory) to discuss potential with property owner for painting the silos; Jim Lenner to provide.
3. Jim Blair said they have found a boulder for the trailhead, needs to be moved and then plaque recognizing donors can be installed.
4. Chip Dutcher provided an update on Dr. Bigelow's headstone; the current stone blew over and is laying on its side. Adamson Monument is working on a replacement.
5. Lightscape will be adding lighting to the town hall.
6. Carol Van Deest showed an example of Granville's city brochure and would like to do something similar in the future.

9. 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 10:59 am