



Park & Rec Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, March 15, 2022 - 2:00 PM  
AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Action on Minutes
  - a. January 18, 2022
3. Proposed Youth Helmet Ordinance
  - a. Helmet Ordinance Template
4. State Capital Budget Projects
5. Trailhead Park updates
6. Johnstown RR Station - discussion
7. Licking Park District updates
8. Downtown Johnstown, Inc. updates
9. Greater Johnstown Recreation District updates
10. Other Business
11. Adjourn



Park & Rec Committee  
Tuesday, January 18, 2022 - 10:30 AM  
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Mr. Dutcher was delayed in arrival to the meeting; Marvin Block called the Parks and Rec meeting for January 18, 2022 to order at 11:22 am.

Committee members present: Marvin Block, Chip Dutcher  
Absent: Sharon Hendren

Staff present: Jack Liggett, Jim Blair, Teresa Monroe  
Public present: None

2. Election of Chair

**MOTION:** Chip Dutcher moved that Marvin Block be appointed Committee Chairman. Mr. Block seconded and both were in favor. Passed 2-0

3. Action On Minutes

a. November 18, 2021

**MOTION:** Marvin Block moved to approve minutes as written. Chip Dutcher seconded and both were in favor. Passed 2-0

4. Draft Legislation for TJ Evans Trail Maintenance - Review and Recommendation  
Committee review of draft.

a. **RESOLUTION 2022-04** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LICKING PARK DISTRICT FOR THE JOINT USE MAINTENANCE TO THE TJ EVANS BIKE PATH

**MOTION:** Chip Dutcher moved to forward to City Council with recommendation to pass. Marvin Block seconded and both were in favor. Passed 2-0

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**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 – Established the Greater Johnstown Park & Recreation District
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 discussions with JYAA about their soccer fields that are surrounded by Raccoon Creek Park (Dick Hill property) - In Progress
5. Pursue bike path extensions - In preliminary discussion
6. Pursue a Raccoon Creek path extension to Edwards Road
7. Market community assets - Parks, Trailhead (Shared ED goal)
8. Walkway to Hannahs Park from US 62

5. Trailhead Updates  
No updates given.
6. Downtown Johnstown, Inc. - Craig Bohning  
No member present, no report.
7. Licking Park District - Richard Waugh  
No member present, no report.
8. Greater Johnstown Recreation District - Keith Ryan  
No member present, no report.
9. Review of 2021 Goals - Discussion on 2022 Goals  
Mr. Block asked for removal of 2021 goal to work toward a Longwell & Miles Memorial Estate implementation plan.  
  
Goals discussion to continue next meeting.
10. Other Business  
No further business.
11. Adjourn  
**MOTION:** Mr. Dutcher moved to adjourn; Mr. Block seconded and the meeting adjourned at 11:31 pm

## Proposed Youth Helmet Ordinance Template

### Requirements

- A. No person younger than eighteen years of age shall operate, or be a passenger on, a bicycle, skateboard, scooter, in-line skates or roller skates, tricycles, balance/strider bicycles, hoverboards, low horsepower motorized bicycles, low horsepower motorized scooters, motorized toy cars,\*\* unless such person is wearing an approved protective helmet on his/her head with the chin strap fastened securely under the chin.

**Commented [KF1]:** \*\*NOTE: please check local traffic laws to determine jurisdiction over low-horsepower motorized vehicles

This requirement shall also apply to a child who rides upon a bicycle while in a restraining seat which is attached to the bicycle, or in a trailer towed by a bicycle.

Such helmet shall be of good fit and meet or exceed the standards set by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) or American National Standards Institute (ANSI).

- B. This ordinance applies to [redacted]\*\*
- C. Because infants have inadequate neck muscle strength to wear a helmet, no person shall operate a bicycle with a child who is under the age of one year old riding as a passenger on the bicycle or in a trailer towed by the bicycle.
- D. No person operating a bicycle on any public or non-residential property shall allow a child one year of age or older and weighing less than forty pounds to ride as a passenger on the bicycle, other than in a seat which securely retains the child in place, and protects the child from the bicycle's moving parts.

**Commented [KF2]:** Communities should adapt the area of applicability based on what works best for them and their partners. These areas can include: schools, public trails, sidewalks, public or non-residential properties and streets within a city or other geographical area.

**Commented [KF3]:** Or insert applicable area

- E. Failure to observe the provisions of sections (A), (B), and (C) shall not be admissible as evidence of negligence in a court of law.\*\*

**Commented [KF4]:** \*\*NOTE: please check local partners/if they want to do anything with this

### Reinforcement:

Various means of reinforcement are available. See below for examples:

Positive Reinforcement could be adapted based on what works best for the community. Positive reinforcement could incorporate multiple community partners (i.e. law enforcement, park departments, JFS, local libraries, etc.) to provide small rewards for wearing helmets (i.e. stickers, positive ticketing—get so many get a prize)

REVISED: 1/26/2022

If communities want to approach infractions with penalties, below are some suggestions:

**Tiered systems**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Offense: A written warning will be issued along with safety information advising of the dangers of failure to wear a protective helmet and/or protect child passengers while operating a bicycle.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> a small fine, anywhere from \$5 to \$25
  - Often this first fine would be waived if evidence was provided that a helmet was available for the individual receiving the written warning.
- Additional infractions accrued fines, not to exceed \$50 per infraction\*\*. The parent, guardian, or other person having custody of the offender is responsible for the payment of any fine imposed under this ordinance.

**Commented [KF5]:** *\*\*NOTE: Communities can determine their own fee scale as appropriate*

**Use of Money Collected as Fines\*\***

- All fines collected for the violation of this ordinance shall be deposited in a \_\_\_\_\_. The money deposited or credited to the fund shall be used to assist \_\_\_\_\_ in the purchase of bicycle helmets that meet or exceed the standards set by the U.S. CPSC. All investment earnings of the \_\_\_\_\_ shall be credited to the fund.

**Commented [KF6]:** *\*\*Strongly suggested if fines are collected that the funds be used to provide safety equipment to community members in need*

**OPTIONAL: Transition Period**

For a period of \_\_\_\_ after the effective date of this ordinance, no ticket, citation, or summons to a person who violates this ordinance shall be issued. During that time, the offender will be issued a written warning explaining the provisions of the ordinance instead. The written warning shall notify the individual of the specific date when the provisions of the ordinance will be enforced.

**OPTIONAL: Evaluation**

Evaluation of the effectiveness of this ordinance in improving use of protective helmets by persons younger than 18 years as described in the ordinance shall be conducted and a report of the findings of this evaluation shall be presented to \_\_\_\_\_ within 24\*\* months of enactment of this ordinance.

**Commented [KF7]:** *The entity conducting the evaluation can be decided by the community. And the length of time after the enactment of the ordinance can be selected by the community.*