



Park & Rec Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, July 19, 2022 - 10:00 AM  
AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Action on Minutes
  - a. March 15, 2022
  - b. April 19, 2022
  - c. June 21, 2022
3. Track Street
4. Band Amphitheatre
5. Splash Pad
6. Street Pole Banners
7. Other Business
8. Adjourn



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

1. Call to Order

Chip Dutcher called the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting for March 15, 2022 to order at 2:00 pm

Members Present - Chip Dutcher, Sharon Hendren

Absent - Marvin Block

Staff present - Jack Liggett, Bailey Klimchak, Teresa Monroe.

Public present - Craig Bohning, Dick Mosley, Keith Ryan, Kirsten Frissora

2. Action on Minutes

a. January 18, 2022

**ACTION:** Chip Dutcher moved to approve; Sharon Hendren seconded and all were in favor.

**AYES:** Dutcher, Hendren, Block

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**Passed 3 - 0**

3. Proposed Youth Helmet Ordinance

Kirsten Frissora with the Health Department attended to give information on the Child Injury Prevention Program. This is a coalition with the state, the main focus is TDI prevention.

Committee reviewed a proposed youth helmet ordinance, there are six to ten existing helmet ordinances in the state. Ms. Frissora said she is happy to be a resource in moving this forward if desired. Additionally noted a free helmet program at the health department.

Committee will seek input on legislation from greater council, Bailey will work to fine tune the ordinance draft if desired.

a. Helmet Ordinance Template

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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 - Discussions in progress

3. Continue to work on the Mastodon Preserve and the Johnstown Trailhead Park projects -Parking lot completion, Generate 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

4. State Capital Budget Projects  
Proposing an amphitheater (1.2 mill) at Hannahs Park and a Splashpad (1.3 million) at the Trailhead Park. Representative Mark Fraizer said he would submit both of these for State Capital Budget projects. Sharon asks for pickle ball courts.
5. Trailhead Park updates  
Working to fix muddy areas. Fence to be installed to keep people from driving from dog park parking lot on Douglas to parking lot at path.
6. Johnstown RR Station - discussion  
Jim Blair has approached Mr. Looker and has had discussion on donation of train station. Since the Intel news, he has had realtors inquiring on buying. Keith Ryan contacted a house mover, \$30k to move it to the Trailhead park, under \$10k for a foundation, \$10k for other improvements/roof. Discussion on what it could be used for and where it could go. Committee will continue to explore.
7. Licking Park District updates  
Dick Mosely provided updates. Reported deed of transfer for Concord Road property, will begin construction on the parking lot. Shared information on Newell Park; ribbon cutting for bikeway on June 22nd.
8. Downtown Johnstown, Inc. updates  
Craig Bohning provided updates. Clean Sweep May 21st, Change Gears June 4th, Springfest June 18th, Summerfest August 27th , Car Show September 18th. Discussion on holiday wreaths for downtown lightpoles; Jack said electricity on the poles has been fixed.
9. Greater Johnstown Recreation District updates  
Keith Ryan reported that Ice Miller is working pro-bono to get the group 501c3 tax exempt status.
10. Other Business  
Jack said service department will be mulching playgrounds.
11. Adjourn  
No further business; meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm



Park & Rec Committee  
Tuesday, April 19, 2022 - 10:00 AM  
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Marvin Block called the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting for April 19, 2022 to order at 10:03 am

Members Present - Chip Dutcher, Sharon Hendren, Marvin Block  
Absent - None

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

Public present - Craig Bohning, Richard Waugh, Dick Mosley

2. State Capital Budget; Project Updates

Chip Dutcher noted that Mark Frazier held a round table, attendees were mostly Jersey Township. TID has asked for a letter of support for Federal funding; said he owes Director mastodon info, she was very interested.

3. Trailhead Park updates

Three trees to be planted at the park.

TLV started drainage work at the Dog Park. When the ground dries up they will get the parking lot base in. Road condition discussion.

Support cables were put in the large oak tree at the dog park

Sharon Hendren expressed her opposition to the splash pad and listed some cons and concerns. Discussion on the pros and the community desire to have one. Discussion on potential maintenance costs, staff to consult Prime Engineering who provided the design.

4. Johnstown RR Station updates

Discussion on relocation to the Trailhead Park. \$30k cost estimate to move; with some other work needed \$50k all in cost. Marvin Block noted another company to seek for an estimate. Investigation to continue.

5. Licking Park District updates

Richard Waugh provided updates and expressed excitement for the upgrades happening at the Jersey Street/Trailhead Park. Noted another commitment on Tuesdays and the need to leave early.

Concord Road parking lot; waiting for ground to dry before work can begin, there will be around twelve spaces.

August 13th will be Peddle to Produce, based on MORPC idea to get more people out on the bike path. Farmers Market at one end. Richard will email the info.

The Licking Park District was approached by a Trustee of the Longwell Miles Estate; noted likelihood of the property transfer. Richard noted open communication with Johnstown.

More information to follow.

Noted some issues with smell at the Trailhead Park dry restroom; potential solutions

discussed. Service to look at again.

6. Downtown Johnstown, Inc. updates

Event schedule update:

Clean Sweep May 21

Springfest June 18

Summerfest August 27

Car Show September 18

Holiday wreaths; 12 are needed.

DJI to help with cost of the city seasonal banners needed.

7. Greater Johnstown Recreation District updates

No updates

8. Kids to Parks Day - May 21, 2022

Proclamation will be given by Mayor Dutcher in support of Kids to Parks Day.

9. Other Business

Discussion on installing a flag pole at Trailhead Park; there would be need for a solar light.

10. Adjourn

No further business; meeting adjourned at 11:11 am



Park & Rec Committee  
Tuesday, June 21, 2022 - 10:00 AM  
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Marvin Block called the meeting to order at 10:05 am

2. Roll Call

Present - Chip Dutcher, Sharon Hendren, Marvin Block  
Absent - None

Staff present - Jack Liggett - Interim City Manager, Sean Staneart - Assistant City Manager, Bailey Morlan - City Planner, Teresa Monroe - Clerk of Council

Public present - Dick Moseley - Licking Park District Board, Craig Bohning - Downtown Johnstown Inc.

3. Other Business

No planned agenda topics; general discussion.

1. Marvin Block; discussion on the potential for acquiring the train depot and/or property and the ability to move the train depot down to the Trailhead, or to leave where it is.

Committee discussion on a long range plan for that area and potential function of the CIC and/or Downtown Johnstown Inc. Marvin Block and Craig Bohning to speak with the train depot property owner to discuss options. Jack Liggett talked about the storm sewers in that area being in poor condition and the need for renovation or replacement. Discussion on flooding with heavy rains and where the storm sewers drain, Jack and Marvin provided some history of the storm water system.

2. Chip Dutcher; updated that the city was successful in receiving State Capital Budget money; \$150,000 for the Splash Pad (\$1.3 million project) and \$250,000 for the Amphitheatre (\$1.2 million project). The money cannot be interchanged or consolidated; Fraizer and the city were hopeful for larger dollar amounts toward both projects. Discussion on applying for more budget funds each year and working on the projects in phases.

Discussion on location of the splash pad, potential for moving to Hannahs Park, Sean Staneart and Bailey Morlan to identify some other areas and parking.

3. Jack Liggett; the mulch in the playground area is not deep enough, it has been a number of years since they have put anything down. Needs one hundred cubic yards of playground certified mulch which will likely cost \$3,500 - \$4,000. Discussion on whether or not this was budgeted.

4. Craig Bohning; Downtown Johnstown Inc. has decided to purchase the wreaths for the light poles along Main Street, they have put fifty percent down and are discussing sponsorships, Mr. Block said he would sponsor/pay for one. There are twelve poles, the wreaths cost \$500 each, total cost \$6,000.

5. Dick Moseley; now that ground is drying out work can begin on the Concord Road parking lot. Also, the dedication of the new bikeway section, that ties Delaware and Knox Counties together, dedication is Saturday, June 25th at 10:00 am at Newell Park

6. Jack Liggett; added that they still get a lot of complaints that the dog gates are still not closing properly. Bailey to reach out to Tony Baldwin/Baldwin Fence.

7. Sean Stanart; reviewed General Park budget funds available after discussion with Finance Director. Committee review of expenses paid out; conclusion is that there is money in the budget for the mulch.

4. Adjourn

No further business. The meeting adjourned at 11:09 am.