



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

1. Call to Order

Present - Carol Van Deest, Chip Dutcher, Sharon Hendren (Not present at roll call; arrived 10:06 a.m. after minutes approval then left early)

Absent - None

Staff present - Jim Lenner - Village Manager, Bailey Klimchak - Village Planner, Jack Liggett - Assistant Village Manager, Jim Blair - Zoning Inspector, Marvin Block - Council Member, Ben Lee - Council Member, Teresa Monroe - Clerk of Council

Public present - None

2. Action on Minutes

a. August 13, 2020

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

3. Raccoon Creek Park (including TAP grant)

Ms. Klimchak said she did not have anything to add; letters of interest open October 1st.

a. Park Plan

Mr. Dutcher inquired on the possibility of working with The Energy Cooperative and their sub-station property off of Mink to access village property adjacent to it for a parking lot in the future. The sooner there is conversation with them the better.

4. Joint Recreation District

No update.

5. Mastodon Preserve

A new sign at the Mastodon Preserve has been installed. The preserve cleanup is still under way, need heavier use of weed killer and more mowing and weed eating.

6. Johnstown Trailhead Park

a. Shelter House

Shelter house almost complete, discussion on the blue color chosen; Ms. Hendren said she would have preferred to keep a consistent red/gray/white throughout the village; Ms.

Van Deest recalled the decision to color code the parks. Ms. Klimchak said the shelter house concrete floor should be poured today and then it would be done. Committee discussed adding picnic tables; Jack Liggett will get prices on new tables for committee consideration. Mr. Dutcher said the quote could be discussed at Finance Committee.

ACTION: Chip Dutcher moved to look into purchasing tables for the shelter house; Carol Van Deest seconded and all were in favor.
AYES: Carol Van Deest, Chip Dutcher
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 2 - 0

- b. Concrete Pad decision
Richard Waugh arrived.

Jim Blair summarized an email from Craig Bohning; the concrete pad has not aged well and is in poor condition with large cracking, the lack of joints is a problem, cannot make a court out of a slab in that condition and would like to see if skim coating could be used. Jack Liggett said if the slab was not being salvaged, village crew could remove later in the fall. Mr. Dutcher said the whole discussion originated from trying to use the existing concrete pad; if the dog park is likely going there, he thought a basketball court should go elsewhere, like Hannahs Park where there is more space, he would like the pad taken out and grass planted.

ACTION: Chip Dutcher moved to take out the concrete pad; Carol Van Deest seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Carol Van Deest, Chip Dutcher
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 2 - 0

Mr. Blair said he would let Craig know.
Mr. Dutcher asked if the weedy junk to the right of the pad could be removed.

- c. Dog Park

Ms. Klimchak presented an overhead map of the proposed dog park, an area about 1.4 acres with a small dog area 1/3 of the total and a large dog area 2/3, each with their own entry gate. Plan shows two maintenance gates and a gravel parking area off of Douglas. Richard Waugh has asked his consultant to get specifications together so he could get estimates; will then send specs to fence builder for cost estimate to put into their budget for

2021.

d. Additional Parking

Jack said expansion of the parking lot at the trailhead and the dog park are being moved up to 2021, need to discuss funding. Estimate for gravel parking lot expansion is \$20,000 or \$17,000 using recycled stone; discussion on fill dirt being added to level out areas and adding tiles for drainage; staff will continue to gather estimates. Discussion on the parking lot off of Douglas being for the dog park so that people with dogs would not be interacting with cyclists parking at the trailhead lot. Marvin Block asked if a time limit could be included for the parking lot paving, that the village requires this of others and there should be a plan for a hard surface. Jack Liggett said the dates can be listed throughout the Park and Rec CIP. Chip Dutcher asked if the parking lot paving could be included with the E. Jersey Street project since all the equipment would be there anyway; Jack said that could be set up as an alternate bid, we would need to make sure the stone and base is in; or since that is an OPWC project he could just catch the contractor and the village could pay for that separately. Ms. Van Deest said her concern is that this trailhead is for the whole central Ohio area and Johnstown is the one footing the bill, the parking lot is overflowing regularly and maybe some help should be sought from the T.J. Evans Foundation; discussion on how to prepare for the request.

e. Restroom

Ms. Van Deest asked about painting the park restroom blue to match the new shelter house; Jack said that is something he could look at, but anything can be painted. Mr. Dutcher asked if the Hannahs Park restroom would be added back in to 2021 budget discussions; Jack said because of the major projects at the trailhead he would push the dry restroom to 2022 CIP.

f. Utilities (Electric/Water)

Four solar lights, one on each corner, will be added to the shelter house. Discussion on water for the dogs at the park; Jack said water is available on Douglas Street as well as E. Jersey to bring in to the dog park. Function of the solar lights will be evaluated for further use throughout the park.

g. Drainage Issues – discussed during parking lot item.

h. General Cleanup funds (final grading etc.)

Clean up railroad tie, weeds growing up around it. Jim Blair asked about having the bat wing mower come through concord road to trailhead; Mr. Waugh said they would use the flail mower to get the trimming done, will give village notice to get trail closed.

7. Downtown Johnstown, Inc. - Craig Bohning

Craig not present today; Mr. Blair to touch base with him to ask if there is anything Downtown Johnstown would like to help with since the basketball court is not going to be a project now.

8. Licking County Parks - Richard Waugh

Richard Waugh highlighted many activities of the Park District, said maintenance and facility improvements are a big part; four and a half miles of paving done last year and will likely do three to four miles next year. Will be doing major cleanup on the T.J. Evans Trail

from Concord Road to Granville taking out dead trees to reduce debris falling during storms. Ms. Van Deest added that the resurface of the bike path from Concord to Jersey is now complete and that was a goal for the committee. Park District working on cost estimates to berm along the trail, Mr. Waugh said he would get a separate quote for Concord Road to Jersey; cost of purchasing a machine is five to seven thousand dollars.

9. Other Business

1. Teresa working with Civic Clerk to get the committee goals added to agendas; Ms. Van Deest noted it is nice to see the goals being accomplished.

10. Adjourn – No further business

ACTION: Chip Dutcher moved to Adjourn; Carol Van Deest seconded and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Carol Van Deest, Chip Dutcher

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 2 - 0

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.