



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

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Carol Van Deest called the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting for December 10, 2020 to order at 10:00 am

Members Present - Carol Van Deest, Mayor Chip Dutcher, Sharon Hendren
Absent - None

Staff present - Jim Lenner, Bailey Klimchak, Jim Blair, Jack Liggett, Cheryl Robertson, Marvin Block, Teresa Monroe.

Public present - Dick Mosley

2. Action on Minutes

a. November 12, 2020

ACTION: Chip Dutcher moved to Accept the minutes; Carol Van Deest seconded and all were in favor.

AYES: Dutcher, Van Deest, Hendren

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 3 - 0

1. Apply for the 2020 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant through ODOT for Raccoon Creek Park Trail Phase I - **Letter of Interest submitted**

2. Establish a Joint Recreation District

3. Resurface Bike Path (Concord to Jersey) - **Completed**

4. Continue to work on the Mastodon Preserve and the Johnstown Trailhead Park projects - **Installed Shelter House, Parking lot, Tree/Brush/Concrete pad removal, Grading**

5. Continue to work toward a Longwell & Miles Memorial Estate implementation plan

6. Discuss with JYAA about their soccer fields that are surrounded by Raccoon Creek Park - **In Progress**

7. Establish a dog park (probably at Johnstown Trailhead Park) - **In Progress**

8. Plan for bike path extensions

9. Plan for a Raccoon Creek path extension to Edwards Road

10. Market community assets that will bring more cultural events to Johnstown

3. Raccoon Creek Park (including TAP grant)

Bailey Klimchak said the village has been invited to apply so she has been working on the application, it is due on January 31st. CT Consultants are going to help on the engineering side of things, she needs to submit a schedule, engineering and construction costs etc., she feels prepared and is good with the deadline.

4. Johnstown Trailhead Park

a. Updated Trailhead Proposal

Bailey Klimchak reports that Licking Park District has approved the funds to contribute half of the Dog Park up to \$17,000.

Chip Dutcher asked if E. Jersey were to be completed next year, could the paving of the parking lot extension be included in the project; Jack Liggett said the village has applied for the Ohio Public Works Grant, if received, it is his intent to meet with the contractor while paving E. Jersey and see what the additional cost would be to pave the parking lot (village would pay for that part).

Jim Blair said the six tables at the new shelter house are a perfect fit. Still only one solar light working on the shelter house, other three do not, wonders if switch is turned off; Jack said he would check and if not that he will contact Jeff Holbrook because they haven't worked since installed.

Update that \$7,000 has been allotted by Finance Committee to take down large dead and dying trees along the bike path; two estimates are being sought and work to take place after January 1st. Funds spent can be used in the 2021 Tree City application.

Mr. Blair reports that the new parking lot extension is being used. Jack Liggett said when the extension is paved they will add signage for one way traffic to loop through so no cars are crossing each other when exiting.

5. Mastodon Preserve

Marvin Block said the Historical Society paid for the QR readers along the path; two thirds was in-kind donation and about \$1,500 from the Historical Society.

Ms. Van Deest said she would like to promote park activities more on the village website and would like to see more in depth pictures shown.

Discussion on celebration of city status combined with the parks and other village facilities.

6. Licking County Parks - Richard Waugh

Dick Mosley with the Licking Park District updated on discussions with a property owner for potential purchase of property for a new parking lot off of Concord Road that would provide access to the bike path; have hired a design company to look at the property and develop a parking lot plan to submit to the land owner.

7. Downtown Johnstown, Inc. updates

Ms. Hendren said DJI had a meeting Tuesday night but she was not able to attend; no new updates.

8. Active Transportation Plan update

Bailey Klimchak provided an update; there is a public survey they would like to release at the beginning of the year, she has a walk audit next Thursday with the L-Cats team, moving along very well. Ms. Van Deest asked for a summary of what the Active Transportation Plan is; Ms. Klimchak said it is a plan that addresses transportation needs of cyclists, pedestrians and other multi-modal forms of active transportation, not automobile, but maybe people who use wheelchairs, or roller-skates, it looks at gaps in the current system and ways to address those gaps. Ms. Klimchak said L-Cats put together a great map, they have experience doing this with other communities in the county, they have made some great plans and have a lot of resources she is thankful to use, she looks forward to the feedback from the public. Ms. Klimchak showed the map and explained; will send out to committee members.

9. Other Business

1. Next meeting January 14, 2021

2. Review of 2020 goals in preparation for establishing the 2021 goals.

3. Discussion on Track Street area properties and desire for beautification.

10. Adjourn

No further discussion; meeting ended at 11:04 pm