



Park & Rec Committee
Thursday, February 11, 2021 - 10:00 AM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Carol Van Deest called the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting for February 11, 2021 to order at 10:02 a.m.

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

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

Public present -Richard Waugh - Licking Park District, Dick Mosley - Licking Park District

2. Action on Minutes

a. January 14, 2021

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

AYES: Carol Van Deest, Chip Dutcher, Sharon Hendren

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 3 - 0

2021 Committee Goals

1. Apply for the 2020 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant through ODOT for Raccoon Creek Park Trail Phase I - Grant application submitted
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 62

3. NatureWorks Grant (Bailey)

Bailey Klimchak said the Nature Works Grant will be available this year, deadline is June 1, 2021; committee to discuss any upcoming projects that would qualify. Ms. Klimchak said ODNR awards by county and it looks like Licking County has \$59,000 available; Nature Works has a required match of twenty five percent from the municipality. The village can apply for up to a seventy five percent reimbursement grant for acquisition, development or rehabilitation of public park and recreation areas; all of the village park lands would qualify. Money is granted for construction (brick and mortar) and not engineering; Ideas put forth as follows:

- 1) Restroom project at Hannahs Park (Richard Waugh to get cost estimates)
- 2) Trailhead parking lot paving
- 3) Basketball or Pickleball courts

4. Raccoon Creek Park/TAP Grant (Bailey)

Ms. Klimchak said the application has been submitted; review in February and will likely be awarded in March.

5. Johnstown Trailhead Park

- a. Trailhead Park Timeline - Project Cost Updates to spreadsheet (Bailey)
Project document presented with some updated costs; staff working to continue updates.
- b. Pedestrian Counter - Progress toward purchase update
Finance Committee budgeted \$8,000; pedestrian counter quote provided by LCATS who would use Eco-counter software for data retrieval, waiting on LCATS assessment of the software before purchasing the counter.
- c. Dog Park Parking Lot - Drainage update (Jack)
Jack Liggett said drainage has been installed; an eight inch tile and a drop structure have been put in, still need to add fill dirt when it is decided what elevation it needs to be brought up to. Some further discussion on drainage throughout the park; Mayor Dutcher noted large pot holes on Jersey Street at the Trailhead Park entrance.
- d. Concrete Removal - Update (Jack)
Jack Liggett said concrete is about sixty percent removed; will resume when weather improves.

Update that the dead trees along bike path have been removed; \$7,000 paid from 2021 Tree Commission funds.

6. Licking Park District - Richard Waugh

Richard Waugh said he has met with Jack and Bailey to discuss the Dog Park quote, they are in the process of getting a site layout to include lengths and placement so the construction can be put out to bid.

No response yet from property owners regarding the Concord Road parking lot.

7. Other Business

1. Mr. Blair said he has a boy scout interested in an Eagle Scout project; he wants to build and donate a bench for the mastodon path and would also like to build and put up bat houses in the trees. He will have more information in about six weeks.
2. Active Transportation Plan; Ms. Klimchak said survey closed this week, she will be discussing results with LCATS to determine next steps.
3. Johnstown has received Tree City status for 2020; Ms. Klimchak has prepared a public release.
4. Committee to continue thoughts on a design for Hannahs Park walkway design; budget can be discussed with Finance Committee.
5. Next meeting is March 11, 2021

8. Adjourn

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

AYES: Carol Van Deest, Chip Dutcher, Sharon Hendren

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 3 - 0

Meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.