



Park & Rec Committee
Thursday, May 13, 2021 - 10:00 AM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Carol Van Deest called the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting for May 13, 2021 to order at 10:02 am

Members Present - Carol Van Deest, Mayor Chip Dutcher,
Absent - Sharon Hendren

Staff present - Bailey Klimchak, Marvin Block, Ben Lee, Jim Blair, Teresa Monroe.

Public present - Richard Waugh

2. Action on Minutes

a. April 8, 2021

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/TAP Grant update (Bailey)

Bailey Klimchak updated that the TAP Grant was not awarded.

4. Johnstown Trailhead Park

a. Shelter House sidewalk - Sent to Finance Committee

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

On April 20th Finance Committee approved \$4,500 for the Trailhead sidewalk and for parks grass fertilization; (\$3,000 sidewalk / \$1,500 for fertilizer and landscaping.)

- b. Pedestrian Counter - Has been ordered
Ped counter has shipped, waiting on arrival.
 - c. Dog Park updates (Bailey)
Working with contractors to get pricing.
5. Hannahs Park Walkway Updates
Marvin Block showed a rendering of the archway for the Hannahs Park walkway and said all the brick and stone will be a donation. Mr. Block updated that the application to the Babcock Foundation for funding would need to wait until they are ready to fund new projects.
6. Active Transportation Plan
- a. [ATP Final Draft](#) - Review and Recommendation to Village Council
Review of the Active Transportation Plan; committee in favor of forwarding to Council for approval.

ACTION:	Chip Dutcher moved to Approve the plan and forward to Council; Carol Van Deest seconded and all were in favor.
AYES:	Carol Van Deest, Chip Dutcher
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Passed 2 - 0

7. Downtown Johnstown, Inc. updates
Clean Sweep scheduled for May 22, 2021
Springfest scheduled for June 12, 2021
8. Licking Park District (Richard Waugh)
- a. Concord Parking Lot discussion
Further discussion on potential for a parking lot off of Concord Road at the bike path on the Township side of the road. Concern by some that the parking lot would be just as dangerous as the cars parking along the road now. It was mentioned that the park district should bring the Township Trustees in on the potential plan. Carol Van Deest raised concern and said maybe the money to be spent on a lot that won't even be in the village should be spent on improvements to the Trailhead parking lot; and if the parking lot does go in; recommends that Monroe Township install caution signage on Concord Road.
9. Other Business
Review and updates on Committee Goals.

10. Adjourn

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 10:52 am.