



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

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Carol Van Deest called the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting for June 10, 2021 to order at 10:00 am

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

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

Public present - Richard Waugh, Dick Mosley, Craig Bohning

Brief update that Mr. Lenner and staff met with the School District to finalize choices for the new Recreation District Board, Council will vote on Johnstown members on Tuesday.

4. Active Transportation Plan - Discussion on action items

a. [ATP Document](#)

The Active Transportation Plan was passed by Village Council; Committee Chair Carol Van Deest wants Park and Rec committee to keep this on their agenda for reference on action items. Bailey Klimchak said that Carrie McKee with Licking County Health has offered to help with short term goals. Bailey provided a summary of the Active Transportation Plan.

2. Action on Minutes

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, ~~Concreate 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

a. May 13, 2021

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

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3. Johnstown Trailhead Park

a. Shelter House sidewalk & landscape - Update

Jack Liggett updated on landscape plan progress, the seed is not doing well, will continue to monitor, may check on getting a better seed blend. Rain has slowed the concrete installation for the addition of the sidewalk. Received the Trailhead parking lot paving estimate \$48,000-49,000.

b. Pedestrian Counter - Update

Have received the counter, Service Department putting installation on their schedule; will be installed at the first pedestrian access after Concord Road. The data will be stored in the counter, can download every 2-3 weeks and this counter data is compatible with counter data from LCATS. Richard Waugh said a vehicle counter has been installed at Infirmary Mound Park and is also compatible with the LCATS system.

c. Dog Park - Update

Staff continues to work with different contractors.

5. Downtown Johnstown Inc. updates

Craig Bohning provided an update on Saturdays Springfest event, added that they will also have a Summerfest in August.

6. Licking Park District - Richard Waugh

Richard Waugh provided the annual Licking County Park District report. Highlighted details of a levy that will be on the ballot this November, would like to come to council to brief. Plans to form a Levy Committee and will request letters of support. Mr. Waugh said they had 2012 success passing a levy as well as with the levy renewal in 2017.

Ms. Van Deest asked if there was any update on the proposed Concord Road parking lot for the bike path; Mr. Waugh will work with Jim Lenner as the Corporation limit is on east side of Concord, will need a curb cut, the lot would be in Monroe Township. Mr. Waugh said he has been working with Jonathon Wilcox on the land donation and the Park District will take care of the paving; estimated the parking lot should be ten to twelve spaces. Ms. Van Deest noted signage previously discussed.

7. Other Business

1. Ms. Van Deest updated committee and public present on the Hannahs Park walkway plan.

2. Discussion on motorized bicycles on the bike path; Mr. Waugh referenced the Ohio Revised Code on the different classes. The village could create their own policy for the path inside the corporation but would be very hard to distinguish the classes and enforce.

3. The TAP grant for Raccoon Creek Park was not received for 2020, Ms. Klimchak asked if the committee wanted to apply again. Oct 2021 letters of interest due. Discussion on phases, grant is for phase 1. May need an updated cost from engineer, funding for construction will be fiscal year 2025.

4. Clean Sweep was successful

8. Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, committee ended the meeting at 10:46 am.