

Hiram Recreation & Park Board

Meeting Minutes
Rosser Municipal Building
11617 Garfield Road, Hiram OH 44234

August 15, 2019

Park Board Members:

Chris Szell, Chairperson
Steve Zabor
Suzann Bennett arrived at 5:05 p.m.
James McGee, Village Administrator

Absent:

Jo Walsh-Cobb

Official Recorder:

Wendelin Taylor, Assistant Fiscal Officer

Others Present:

Steve and Stacy Romberger, Village Residents

General: Chris Szell called the regular meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Chris motioned to accept the minutes of the June 13, 2019 meeting. Steve Zabor seconded. Motion passed.

Public Comment: Steve and Stacy Romberger expressed their support of a dog park in the Village. Their primary concern is the proposed location of the dog park at Reign Hadsell Park. The area abuts their property and they are concerned that the run off from the area would cause problems by contaminating their yard. Mr. Romberger also offered some of the problems that can be encountered with dog behavior due to over stimulation by other dogs, kids playing on the playground and the possibility of larger dogs jumping the fencing. Chris stated that the dog park has received positive feedback regarding a dog park however, the park is just under consideration. No actual plan exists and there is no funding at this point in time.

Old Business:

- A. Reign Hadsell Park: The prairie area is coming along. Chris thinks it looks good considering the weather this past spring and early summer. James has installed one bench. The second bench will be installed across from the first bench inside the mulched area. A short discussion regarding the installation of the bike rack followed. James mentioned there is no real shade in the park and that planting shade trees should be considered in the future. Steve stated graffiti has become an issue at the park. A person or persons have been tagging the gazebo and the Climbing rock. James has not had the opportunity to address removing the graffiti. Chris suggested posting an "Under Surveillance" sign.
- B. Jagow Park: Swing seats and basketball hoops have been replaced. James stated he has received positive feedback on the basketball hoops. The mulch and border will need to be replaced next year. James would like to replace the existing wooden border with plastic similar to the border/edging at Reign Hadsell Park.
- C. Walkable Community: Promoting Hiram as a walkable community is still a priority. ODOT will be repaving SR 82 in 2020. James will try to coordinate with the State to create crosswalks with better visibility. Chris would like to have the crosswalk on Winrock repainted as well.
- D. Community Yard Sale: The yard sale did not do well this year. The weather did not cooperate and there was a lack of participation. Chris suggested scheduling next year's yard sale with Garrettsville community sale.

New Business:

A. Priorities for the Coming Year: Chris asked that each Board member take responsibility each item listed and report back at the next meeting.

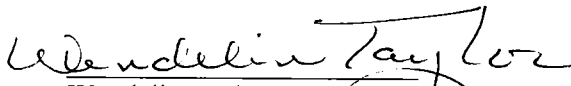
1. Completing the walkways at Reign Hadsell Park – possibly replacing gravel with cement.
2. Consistent signage for all the Village parks and the Hike & Bike trail.
3. Shade trees for Reign Hadsell Park.

Steve will contact Mantua Village on the progress of their dog park.

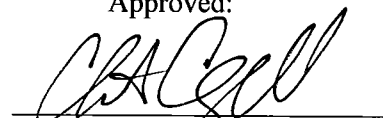
B. History House Walkway: The brick walkway needs to be re-laid. James will work on getting quotes for having the work done.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:


Wendelin Taylor, Asst. Fiscal Officer

Approved:


Chris Szell, Chairperson