

Hiram Recreation & Park Board

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

June 5, 2015

Park Board Members:

Chris Szell, Chairperson
Sam Bixler
Susan Skrovan, Fiscal Officer

Beautification Commission Members:

Official Recorder:

Asst. Fiscal Officer Wendelin Taylor

Others Present:

Ms. Linda Ferguson arrived at 9:05 a.m.

General: Chris Szell called the meeting to order at 8:33 am. Members reviewed the previous month's minutes. Sam Bixler made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2015 meeting. Minutes were accepted as submitted.

The Portage Foundation: Linda Ferguson arrived to present the Recreation & Park Board with a grant check for \$2000.00. Ms. Ferguson expressed her appreciation for the continuing efforts of the Park Board for the good of the community. She also mentioned that the Park Board can come back to the Foundation to request funds. There is no guarantee that funds would again be rewarded however qualifying projects are always considered. Chris will present the Foundation check to the Village Council at the next Council meeting.

Old Business:

- A. Update on NatureWorks Grant: Grant agreement has been signed and will be sent back to the State.
- B. Land and Water Conservation Grant: Chris does not expect to hear from Land and Water until August.
- C. Recreational Trails Grant: Sue Merrill has turned gift checks over to Sue Skrovan. Chris has resubmitted the application and will be following up. The original request has been reduced from \$20,000.00 to \$11,650.00. The access improvements (paving parking lot) have been removed at the suggestion of the Recreational Trails Grant committee.
- D. Hiram Trust Grant: Received \$4,875.00. Funds will be available after July 1, 2015. Chris believes this fund will not be awarded in total but drawdowns can be made against the monies awarded.
- E. Jagow Park Maintenance: Sue Skrovan stated that Bob Wood did submit a purchase request for basketball hoops. Chris would like to paint the backboards and lines perhaps with the help of community volunteers. Also, there are holes that need to be filled. The holes are located outside the fence and should not pose a safety problem for the children utilizing the park in the short term. There are also a few dead trees that need to be addressed.

New Business:

A. Fund Raising

i. Chris will be investigating and applying for the Walmart Grant, Harley Davidson Grant and a Wells Fargo Grant. The Walmart Grant and Harley Davidson Grant requests are due in June. The Wells Fargo Grant is rolling.

ii. Other funding raising possibilities: Approach local businesses for donations. Chris has spoken with the Township in hopes of coordinating a joint effort to do some fundraising for the Village and Township parks. Sam will research the possibility a "sponsor a paver" fundraiser. He will speak with Ken Pike.

B. Communicator: Chris will compose a piece on the park to be included in the June Communicator.

C. Recreational Trails Program Budget: Chris will inquire with Mr. D'Juan Hammonds on whether he received the updated budget and proposal.

The next meeting of the Park Board is set for Friday, July 10, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.
Chris moved to adjourn and Sam Bixler seconded. The meeting adjourned 9:34 am.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Approved:


Assistant Fiscal Officer
Wendelin Taylor


Chris Szell, Chairperson