

Hiram Recreation & Park Board
Beautification Committee
Meeting Minutes
Rosser Municipal Building
11617 Garfield Road, Hiram OH 44234

March 7, 2023

Park Board Members:

Chris McCreight, Chairperson
Mayor Lou Bertrand
Isabel Kopp
James McGee, Village Administrator
Abigail Stevenson, Beautification Committee

Absent:

Mike Greenwood, Beautification Committee
Denny Taylor, Beautification Committee
Debra Blake, Beautification Committee / Hiram Township Trustee

Official Recorder:

Wendelin Taylor, Asst. Fiscal Officer

Guest:

General: Chris McCreight called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Mr. McCreight called for a motion to accept the November 5, 2022 meeting minutes. Isabel Kopp moved to accept the minutes. James McGee seconded. Motion passed. There is no quorum for Beatification at this meeting.

Public Comment:

Park Equipment: The soccer goals and junior basketball hoop are ordered. The goals will go to the Reign Hadsell Park on Bancroft and the 8 ft. junior basketball hoop will be installed at Jagow Park. (An adult hoop is 10 ft. compared to the 8 ft. junior.)

Hiram Community Trust Grant: This year's grant cycle will be coming open soon. Kelly Johns is the Trust administrator at the college. Chris McCreight will be contacting her soon.

Grant Opportunities: The committee will research grant possibilities for trees, the Jagow Park pavilion and the installation of a dog park. Mr. McCreight would like to poll the community to get a better sense of where residents think a dog park should be located. Ms. Kopp volunteered to try her hand at writing a grant for the pavilion.

Tree Planting: A short discussion was had regarding tree plant in the neighborhoods and the Village ordinance regarding tree planting and the required distance from the sidewalks.

Road-side Hanging Planters: James stated the hanging planters have been quoted at \$1680.00 for all 32 planters. He is will to pay half the cost from the Street Department budget if Beautification will pay the remaining balance.

Reign Hadsell Hiram Garden Trust: Someone from Beautification will need to submit a written request to the college for this year's funds. Mr. McCreight will work on that.

Hiram Church Playground Equipment: The Hiram Christian Church has offered the fiberglass playground units to the Village. The playground pieces consist of an approximately 8 - 10 ft. high tree, a bridge and a crawl-through "hollow" log. James will investigate the possibility of moving these pieces to the Jagow Park children's playground.

General: A discussion followed regarding who is on the Beautification Committee and what funds have been appropriated to spend. Mr. McCreight mentioned interest has been shown by some Village residents regarding the formation of a community garden club. The July 4th Committee has been revived and is planning to bring back several of the events that existed pre-pandemic. He listed kids' games, pie eating contest, a concert and bike rodeo.

The next meeting date is scheduled for April 3, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. Chris McCreight called for a motion to adjourn. Isabel Kopp made motion to adjourn. James seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:


Wendelin Taylor, Asst. Fiscal Officer

Approved:


Chris McCreight, Chairperson