

Hiram Recreation & Park Board

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

September 19, 2019

Park Board Members:

Chris Szell, Chairperson
Suzann Bennett
James McGee, Village Administrator

Absent:

Jo Walsh-Cobb
Steve Zabor

Official Recorder:

Wendelin Taylor, Assistant Fiscal Officer

Others Present:

General: Chris Szell called the regular meeting to order at 4:33 p.m. Chris motioned to accept the minutes of the August 15, 2019 meeting. James McGee seconded. Motion passed. Chris stated that he will be attending the Portage County Community Development Steering Committee meeting later this evening. He is in hopes the Village can gain access to grants for items such as swings, trash cans and shade trees for the parks as well as other Village projects.

Public Comment:

Old Business:

- A. Reign Hadsell Park: A location for a second bench was discussed. The decision will be delayed until next year.
- B. Jagow Park: James will contact a supplier for new playground edging. He wants to replace the old wooden edging with something similar to the edging at Reign Hadsell Park. Once that is in place, new mulch will be put down.
- C. Dog Park: Project tabled.
- D. Community Yard Sale: Garrettsville's Chamber of Commerce will not announce a date for their community sale until January. The Park Board agreed that Hiram's sale should coincide with Garrettsville's to attract more shoppers.
- E. Century House Walkway: The paver walkway needs to be re-laid. James believes the work can be handled in house.
- F. Security cameras and Signage: Vandalism at Reign Hadsell Park has become an issue. Someone is tagging the gazebo and rock climb with graffiti. James now has dummy security cameras and signage to install. Hopefully this will at least reduce the problem.

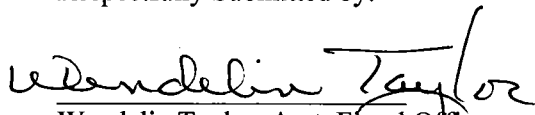
New Business:

- A. Signage: Chris encouraged all present to start thinking about a consistent sign design that can be used throughout the Village. He would like to see some sort of educational sign included along the Hike and Bike trail. The Garrettsville Historic Society may have information on the old trolley line that could prove helpful.
- B. Crosswalk Signage: A short discussion was held regarding the crosswalks and the signage for them. James will again contact ODOT to find out what can be done. It was also suggested the post office crosswalk on SR 82 be relocated for safety reasons.

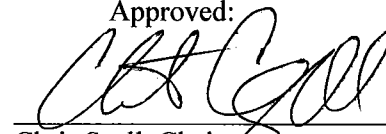
- C. Reign Hadsell Park: A wish list for the park was discussed. Among the items the Park Board would like to see added to the park are a few shade trees, swings and additional trash cans.
- D. Monarch City Status: Mayor Bertrand forwarded information regarding Monarch City status and how that can be accomplished. After a short discuss the Park Board decided not to pursue at this time as it costs money with very little reward for the Village except for a sign.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 5.22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:


Wendelin Taylor, Asst. Fiscal Officer

Approved:


Chris Szell, Chairperson