

Hiram Recreation & Park Board

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

April 11, 2019

Park Board Members:

Chris Szell, Chairperson
Jo Walsh-Cobb,
James McGee, Village Administrator

Absent:

Steve Zabor

Official Recorder:

Wendelin Taylor, Assistant Fiscal Officer

Others Present:

General: Chris Szell called the regular meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Chris motioned to accept the minutes of the March 14, 2019 meeting. Jo Walsh-Cobb seconded. Motion passed.

Public Comment:

Old Business:

- A. Dog Park: A "dog park" area is still under consideration for Reign Hadsell Park. Jo asked if there would be any additional liability on the Village if this area becomes a reality. James will look into that issue. The dog park area would be easy to install and should not be a major expense. James mentioned Mantua Village has a dog park and it is small portion of their park. Since Hiram has many dog owners an area for them would be used. Jo will post a opinion poll on the Facebook page. Wendelin will add something to May's Communicator.
- B. Walkable Community: Jo has tried to locate specific requirements to make a community a walkable community. So far she has not had success. A discussion followed regarding a map featuring walking routes and points of interest throughout the Village. This project will be on going, no specific date of completion has been set.
- C. Volunteer Work Day: There will not be a work day on April 27th.

New Business:

- A. Jagow Park: New basketball backboards have arrived. The Street Dept. will be crack sealing the court and installing the backboards as soon as weather permits. Benches need to be stained and the picnic tables also need attention. The mulch in the play area may need additional just to replenish. The pavilion is in need of repair. James stated that this project needs to be moved up on the list of priorities. The existing structure is in bad shape and just repairing it is not a good idea. When the pavilion is rebuilt, it will have to be ADA compliant, including a handicap accessible restroom and parking area.
- B. Reign Hadsell Park: The benches still need to be installed. The parking lot turn-around will be enlarged this year and The fencing shored up. James is looking at a location for the water fountain. The Village will be approaching Great Northern Apartments to discuss a license allowing the apartment complex to continue having a trash dumpster on park property.

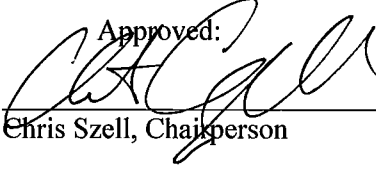
- C. Community Yard Sale: Chief Gregory is organizing the Antique Car Show at the College, along with a Craft Show and Pet Adoption Event. The Park Board decided the yard sale should coincide with this event and held at the College. Jo will send the announcement to the newspaper. Wendelin will include some information in May's Communicator and send it to the Village and the Good News. It will be posted on the Village's website.
- D. Vacant Park Board Seat: Sam Bixler has stepped down from the Park Board. His seat will need to be filled. Wendelin will include the information in the next issue of the Communicator with the Mayor listed as contact for anyone interested.

The next meeting will be held May 8, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Wendelin Taylor, Asst. Fiscal Officer

Approved:



Chris Szell, Chairperson