

May 18, 2015- Parks Committee Meeting Minutes
Village Hall Conference Room, 4:30 PM
49 State Street, Brockport, NY 14420

PRESENT: Carol Brakenbury, Hanny Heyen, Losh Spalla, Linda Ketchum, Lynda Cochran, John LaPierre, Sandi Henschel

NOT PRESENT:

Kristin Stiles, Joe Blosenhauer, Barbara Blosenhauer,

Hanny Heyen called the meeting to order at 4:30.

She thanked Carol Brakenbury for her 8 years of service, from 6/18/07-6/30/15. She mentioned Carol's extremely beneficial work toward getting the Pickle Ball courts established at Barry Street.

We welcomed Lynda Cochran, Chair of Recreations Department at the College at Brockport, as a new member of the Parks Committee.

The April minutes were corrected and unanimously approved by the membership.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Surveillance Cameras & Signs
- 2 Surveillance Cameras & Signs were installed on May 7, 2015.
- Harry Donahue is going to check on the batteries at the Corbett Park cameras.
- Police will continue their coverage of the parks. Chief Varrenti has officers who will continue to patrol along Barry & Lyman Streets.

- Parks' Surveys

Members were to send Park surveys to Linda Ketchum. Linda Ketchum received all the surveys for Barry, Corbett, Evergreen, Harvester, Havenwood, Monika's Children's Park, Remembrance, Sagawa, & South.

Dangerous equipment: Parks' members suggested that orange ribbons be placed around the decades old pieces of exercise equipment that need removal or replacement (along the southwest paths in Corbett Park).

Linda Ketchum reviewed the parks' surveys of absent members and what work was needed.

Carol Brakenbury talked about Havenwood's needs. The electrical wire/cable that was a concern is gone now.

Hanny Heyen talked about South Avenue Park. The copper beech is staying. The black walnut trees will have to go. The split rail fence that Harry Donahue put up is beautiful. The neighbors on the western border still have to clean up their back yard. Perhaps they can be reminded or ticketed to do that, but it will take some time.

Hanny Heyen says the playground equipment that she looked at for South Ave. Park will be more expensive than we anticipated

John LaPierre suggested we go to McDonalds and check on their general terms and requirements for a grant to assist in playground equipment. Lynda Cochran also suggested KaBoom which might have a grant also. Lynda Cochran will look into KaBoom and Landscape Structures.

John LaPierre suggested we make a decision about which playground equipment we want on South Ave. so it can go to the Village Board for approval as soon as possible.

Hanny Heyen & Lynda Cochran will work on choosing the piece[s] of playground equipment for South Ave. to recommend to the Village Board for the June meeting.

Sandi Henschel talked about Monika's Park and was especially concerned about the fence clips that have been undone and are sticking up, posing a risk to patrons.

Linda Ketchum K. will put the entire report together for Harry Donahue.

- Parks Publication: Ongoing

NEW BUSINESS:

- Planting Flowers @Welcome Center, Harvester Park

Barbara and Joe Blosenhauer, Hanny Heyen, Losh Spalla and Carol Brakenbury will plant flowers, at the Welcome Center, Harvester Park, in the morning on Friday May 29th.

- Strong West Gazebo-John LaPierre

Strong West has an old gazebo. They offered it to the Parks Committee for use if wanted. John LaPierre and Hanny checked it out and recommend against taking it because it is old, not in very good repair, and needs refurbishing.

- South Avenue Park/Playground Equipment - John LaPierre [See above]

- Announcements/Updates

-Planting tulips: Joe Blosenhauer and Barbara Blosenhauer, planted tulips in the roundabout and along the north side of the canal.

-Pruning of Lilacs, Corbett Park: Parks Committee is going to include that in Saturday of Service.

-Correspondence (email) Lindsay Starkweather emailed Hanny Heyen about the condition and safety of Barry Street Park. Hanny Heyen will respond to her.

-Monika's Park – A big pile of mulch was spread by a Brockport youth lacrosse team

-Sagawa Park Mural, Rick Muto, Fine Arts, Painter. Hanny Heyen will contact the mural committee so that someone from our parks committee is involved.

-Saturday of Service, August 29, 2015; Linda Ketchum will contact Rich Harris to let him know what we need done, at which parks, and how many students per park. We need to know who will be involved with supervision. We need first-aid kits, and other paraphernalia for that day.

With Carol Brakenbury leaving we will reassign Havenwood to Barbara Blosenhauer and Lynda Cochran will pick up Evergreen.

OTHER:

Next meeting: Monday, August 17, 2015 (third Monday), 4:30 PM, Village Hall

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandi Henschel, Secretary Parks Committee