

Village of Brockport, Parks Committee Meeting, August 17, 2015 – 4:30pm – Village Hall

Present: H. Heyen, L. Ketchum, J. Blosenhauer, B. Blosenhauer, L. Spalla, J. La Pierre, V. Ciciotti

Meeting called to order at 4:30 by H. Heyen

No minutes to approve from August 5, 2015 meeting, table until September meeting

New Business: Two plans were discussed - the Phase I, II and III Plan from Parkitects by Ben Frasier and the Playword plan by Deb Krekic.

If we want H. Heyen and L. Cochran to present a plan to the Village Board at their next workshop on August 24, 2015, we need to vote on the plan we like. H. Heyen and L. Cochran met with two very different playground planning firms and really like the Parkitects plan the best. It focused on staying clear of the copper beach tree canopy. The cost of Phase I of the plan will be 8793.40 and is 293.40 over what is budgeted in the Parks line item for spending. The Village Board will have to approve this overage. H. Heyen and L. Cochran recommend this plan by Ben Frasier because he will (and has already) survey all our parks and make recommendations regarding any outdated and dangerous equipment.

V. Ciciotti expressed concerns over the design and if it would attract anyone over 7-years-old. With her experience as a nanny she said it didn't seem like it had enough interactive play material. There could be a corner set up with a two-sided stockade fence with attached artwork (designed by college students maybe?) and gravel for kids to play with dump trucks and pails. Everyone thought this was a good suggestion and could be incorporated later in another phase. Some people agree that 9-, 10- and 11-year-olds don't hang out at playgrounds very much these days. B. Blosenhauer commented that it would be nice to have an adult-sized swing next to the small swing. Adults would be able to swing with a child they brought to the playground. L. Ketchum received a couple similar comments for adult playground equipment to be included.

L. Spalla made a motion, L. Ketchum seconded it and all were in favor of presenting the Parkitects Plan to the Village Board.

Old Business: The mural going in Sagawa Park, Parks Code, Splash Park possibility, the upcoming Saturday of Service on August 29th and winter homework were discussed.

Mural discussion: H. Heyen read the grant for the mural in Sagawa Park. Knowing the size will help in determining if a living evergreen tree can be planted in this park. She will meet with the mayor and the Walk!Bike!Brockport! Arts and Aesthetics Committee along with Pro-Brockport to discuss this further. J. La Pierre asked if the Tree Board was involved in this at all. H. Heyen said she would check, but they are going through re-organizing their personnel. V. Ciciotti looked at an email from July that said the donated tree would be a blue spruce, but there was a second possible tree being donated also. We don't know the type. L. Ketchum suggested pulling out the tree that is closest to Main Street and putting the evergreen there to save green space in the park. H. Heyen said that Rick Lair would be a good consultant regarding the best type of tree to have. H. Heyen wants to review options with the Tree Board, DPW and the Village Board.

Parks Code: H. Heyen will meet with Art Appleby to discuss the final changes.

Splash Park: There is a possible donation that may become available specifically for a Splash Park of 10K. All members of the Parks Committee are in agreement that the cost of installation and maintenance would make this prohibitive even if the equipment cost is raised.

Saturday of Service: J. La Pierre asked us to research the depth of mulch needed to come into compliance with current playground safety code. H. Heyen said that Ben Fraiser knows that it is 9 inches. We can add as much mulch as possible this year and keep trying to come up to code. The DPW superintendent, Harry Donahue, ordered a large load to be dropped at Corbett Park. He will have some moved to Evergreen also if we want. Monika's had a load spread already this year by a lacrosse team after the DPW dropped it there.

L. Ketchum said that we will have 40-50 students that start walking from the Brockport College campus at 1:45-2pm to be divided up starting at Monika's Park. Eight people will be left there and the remainder will walk to Corbett Park. From there, eight more people will go to Evergreen. She will call the Connors and Sri Ram Bakshi to ask if we can station tools at their houses. The Connors live across from Corbett Park and S. Bakshi lives two doors down from Evergreen. The supplies for Monika's Park will be left on L. Ketchum's porch. Water and first aid kits will be needed and supervisors can arrange to have them on hand. Extra tools should be marked with duct tape and name. If you have a tarp for moving mulch, bring it. L. Ketchum will have a first aid kit for Monika's Park and Evergreen Park, so we need one more. Rich Harris contacted H. Heyen and he said he would contact L. Ketchum to finalize the details. We will be painting and weeding/mulching in all three parks. All supervisors should be in place by 1:30pm. (Monika's – S. Henschel, L. Ketchum (to start)); Corbett – L. Spalla, H. Heyen, L. Ketchum (later); Evergreen - B. Blosenhauer, J. Blosenhauer)

Note: the "horse on a spring" in Corbett Park is very dangerous and we should consider having it removed. Ben Frasier noted that right away when he went to see Corbett Park. The swings are a very old-style structure that is considered unsafe. The frame juts out and there is not enough mulched space underneath. H. Heyen stated that the new basketball court replacing one of the tennis courts at Corbett Park is still in the works.

Winter Homework: H. Heyen mentioned naming rights, parks brochure and signage still need work.

The next meeting is September 21, 2015 at 4:30 pm – Village Hall.

Submitted by Linda Ketchum, Vice President

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