

Parks Committee Meeting, Monday, September 21, 2015

Village Hall Conference Room, 4:30 PM
49 State Street, Brockport, NY 14420

Hanny Heyen called the meeting to order at 4:36PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Linda Ketchum, Hanny Heyen, Losh Spalla, Joe Blosenhauer, Barbara Blosenhauer, John LaPierre, Sandi Henschel

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Lynda Cochran, Kristin Stiles

OLD BUSINESS:

Linda Ketchum made a motion that we approve the minutes of the August 5th meeting. Barbara Blosenhauer seconded the motion and the members present unanimously approved minutes.

Sandi Henschel made a motion that we approve the minutes of the August 17th meeting. Losh Spalla seconded the motion and the members present unanimously approved minutes.

Parks Law: The proposed document for the Village of Brockport Codes will get a final review by Hanny Heyen with Art Appleby, on September 9/30/15.

Playground Equipment, South Avenue Park: Hanny Heyen updated the status of the playground equipment. All is moving along well.

The Village Board approved the South Avenue play equipment expenditure in the amount of \$8793.40 at their 9/21/15 meeting.

Sagawa Park: Mural

Hanny Heyen explained the details of the meeting held with the Mural committee at the end of August. She explained how the wall for the mural will be reinforced, explained the breakdown of the finances, and described what will be represented in the mural.

The significance of this to the Parks Committee is that we'd need time to discuss the space and landscaping regarding the planting of a permanent Christmas tree at Sagawa Park.

Losh Spalla made a motion that we table the discussion of a permanent Christmas tree in Sagawa Park. Linda Ketchum seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by the members present.

Saturday of Service, August 29, 2015, Post evaluation

Linda Ketchum complimented all the members for a wonderful job, supervising the students. The students did an outstanding job in Corbett, Monika's, and Evergreen Parks.

Corbett Park: Spring Riders: John LaPierre reported that the spring riders are removed from Corbett until such time to repair the concrete and reset.

Surveys of Parks: Members were asked to send their parks' survey before next Monday, 9/28. They can be sent via email.

NEW BUSINESS:

John LaPierre's Report:

There are safety issues that need to be addressed. John LaPierre said it would be wise to put our requests in writing. We have some environmentally safe graffiti remover.

Harry Donahue and John LaPierre went to the parks and other areas in need and scrubbed much of the graffiti off.

Losh Spalla mentioned an environmentally safe, bio-degradable weed killer that could be used, but only if the village has a person who is a licensed dispenser.

Ben Frasier, Western New York Representative of Parkitects:

Ben Frasier is more than willing to deliver a short presentation to the Parks Committee and then go out with some of us to point out things to look for on a tour of the parks.

Internships:

Mayor Blackman mentioned we consider a college internship to offer assistance for the Parks Committee. An idea to consider is one college intern who could be a liaison to the students, to assist in gathering student volunteers to help with our parks. Hanny Heyen asked for other suggestions of ways to make use of this resource.

5-Year Plan:

As part of the 5-Year Plan, the Parks Committee discussed the fact that we need more regular maintenance of the parks by the DPW, not just by the members of the Parks Committee or with college students at the annual Saturday of Service.

We need to put some specific requests together for equipment to make our parks more usable.

For example: John LaPierre suggested that we explain to Harry Donahue that we have 6" of mulch but we need 9". More specific information needs to go to Harry Donahue re: safety concerns.

Make a Difference Day, Saturday, October 24, 2015

After a discussion by the group regarding whether or not we wanted to be involved in Make a Difference Day, October 24, 2015, it was decided that we would not participate. Sandi Henschel made a motion that we not participate in this year's Make a Difference Day. Joe Blosenhauer seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by the members present.

Ad Hoc Committees (Signage, Equipment/Grants/Naming Rights)

Winter homework for members: All members should look at their parks and think of things that are needed/wanted.

Linda offered to continue with Kristin's help to put together a Parks brochure including a map. Hopefully, they will be ready for the beginning of the 2016 boating season

Signage – South Avenue Park, others. Losh will explore signage options for our parks, including costs and structures.

Naming Rights—Sandi and Hanny will handle in October.

Grants—Lynda will continue to pursue grants.

Budget—Consider needs and our 5-year plan for preliminary budget requests

OTHER:

Think about offering educational tours of the parks.

Consider other things we want the committee to do during the winter months? Joe and Barbara Blosenhauer offered to come up with a simple and easy event for winter fun, such as a winter fair, perhaps to include:

Sledding; tobogganing; snow man contest, etc.

Ice skating – A question was raised as to whether we might have an ice skating rink in one of our parks. A discussion followed and the members decided that an ice rink was too difficult to maintain, due to weather fluctuations.

Recruit new member[s]. We currently have 1 vacancy.

Our future meetings will begin at 5 PM to better accommodate the membership.

Special Meeting: Wednesday 10/21 @ 5:00PM.

Next regularly scheduled Meeting: Monday, April 18, 2016 @5:00PM.

Linda Ketchum made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Joe Blosenhauer.

The meeting adjourned @ 5:55PM

Respectfully submitted,
Sandi Henschel, Secretary
Parks Committee

