

June 13, 2018 PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES  
7pm Brockport Village Hall  
127 Main Street, Brockport, NY

**ATTENDANCE:** L. Ketchum, H. Heyen, J. Blosenhauer, S. Henschel, L. Saplla, L. Cochran

**ABSENT:** A. Crane, A. Guptill, J. LaPierre, B. Blosenhauer

**MEETING MINUTES:** The members present approved the minutes of the May 8, 2018 meeting.

**GUESTS:** Lyman Street residents Mary and Jill Trimble made a presentation to the committee after Mary wrote a letter to Mayor Blackman, expressing her wishes for new equipment in Barry Street playground. Mayor Blackman suggested she talk with the Parks Committee.

Mary presented an excellent booklet with suggestions for the kinds of new playground equipment that would best serve the neighborhood. These were some of her first choices for additional equipment:

1. Tire swing
2. Monkey bars w/chains
3. Bumpy slide
4. Zip lines
5. Cargo Net
6. Some kind of balance beam

She also said the kids would like a place to roller skate.

A discussion followed about re-paving the basketball courts for skaters.

We thanked the Trimbles for taking the time to make their presentation.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The memorial lilac bush planting in Harvester Park by the Moore Family done May 10, has a nice plaque that looks very good. It is flush to the ground and not too big.

L. Ketchum is planning to do the South Avenue bush planting around Wegmans dedication sign.

The Parks Bench/Parks Planting Forms submitted to the Village clerk are not yet on website.

The Cort Fowler tree donated by the Rotary Club is to be planted in Monika's Park. Date TBA.

Parkitects sent a packet of age stickers for placement in playgrounds. All playground equipment will receive these age stickers.

H. Heyen updated the committee on the progress of lilac bush trimming in Corbett Park. She said that Jim Fallon and Buck Noble would be able to do the trimming with DPW supervision.

H. Heyen and L. Ketchum attended the Community Partner Social. In a short report, L. Ketchum said it was very nice and the slide show was informative.

As of this meeting, all park surveys are in. L. Ketchum will summarize them. L. Ketchum read an online survey from a Corbett Park user who appreciated new swings and much cleaner park.

A. Guptill and L. Ketchum attended the Kiwanis meeting. L. Ketchum reported that the meeting was low key. See attached report that she gave to the Kiwanis members.

The Sunning recycling at Monika's drew residents only. It will be rethought for next time

Liaisons Reports: Neither liaison was present.

Budget Report: We have \$8500 in the July 2018-19 budget.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

L. Ketchum reported that weeding in Sagawa Park was done on June 2 and 3. Kathy Kristansen, L. Ketchum, K. LoBracco did the Erie Street side only. More rose bushes from the downtown tree surrounds will be planted in Sagawa Park. Volunteers are helping with this Village Board tree surround plan June 16 at 9am and all are welcome to join in. This is the second weekend and we hope to complete it this weekend.

The Village is hiring a part-time gardener. Pam Ketchum received an award from the Rotary Club last month for all her beautification efforts in Brockport. She also received the Monika Andrews Volunteer Leadership Award in the past. Should we formally thank Pam?

L. Spalla will check with Peter Sharpe, BOCES (352-2400), about new parks signage update.

L. Spalla also reported that Barry Street Park was weeded, edged and spruced up.

A. Crane has been helping with questions to DPW. Monika's pothole is filled. Mulch for playgrounds ordered in the new fiscal year (July 1-June30). H. Heyen asked if there is a plan to move forward on installing the three new swing sets that have been in storage for the past year.

This year's Saturday of Service is August 25, 2-4pm. We need to plan.

The members gave a 'thank you' card to Sandi Henschel who is retiring from the Parks Committee after her many years of work! L. Ketchum made beautiful cupcakes.

There are two applications so far to join our committee. The final day to apply is June 18 and the Village Board may make appointments on July 16, 2018.

Next Meeting: July 10, 7pm, at the Village Hall – 127 Main Street

Respectfully submitted:

Sandi Henschel, Parks Committee Secretary

Presentation to the Kiwanis club on May 23, 2018 at Ho Ho Buffet, 6pm.

We have monthly meetings from April through October with some background work done in winter. The nine volunteer committee members are each assigned a park to oversee. Our mission is to advise the Village Board and work with the DPW to help provide well-maintained parks. Two board members also attend our meetings to lend advice. >hand out factsheet<

In recent years we have developed and built a new playground on South Avenue, worked with college student volunteers to beautify our parks for the past 7 years, had the first-ever professional audits of playground equipment to ensure child safety, created a color brochure with the help of Norm Frisch, and added an interactive map to the Village website with the help of college students majoring in computer science. >show pictures<

Our newest playground is a prime example of a modern, inclusive playground. Wegmans donated \$20,000 to help build phase 2 of the South Avenue playground. We had many volunteers including residents and college students for this community project spanning Fall 2016 and Spring 2017.

In summer 2017, surveys were mailed to households near Corbett and Evergreen parks asking for feedback. With about a 10% response rate, we learned that users especially value safe and attractive swings. The certified playground audits done in October 2016 revealed outdated and dangerous equipment. Our DPW has removed some equipment and BISCO donated \$4800 to install a new swing set in Corbett Park last year. There will be similar swing sets installed in three other playgrounds this year (Evergreen Road, Havenwood Drive and Barry Street). >show audits<

Nearby residents also had a concern for the safety of other types of equipment, especially at Evergreen. They desired safe climbers as well as merry-go-rounds for all ages similar to those in the South Avenue playground. More generally, respondents would love to have more shaded areas and improvements to accessibility. The surveys backed-up what was already in our 5-year plan. >hand out plan<

In conclusion, we have a very valuable asset to our community. Nine parks are widely distributed in our village. This can help attract homebuyers, especially families. The college's Town/Gown committee is trying to encourage more faculty to live in our village. Attractive/effective parks promote life in the village in a positive way. We need to keep up with improvements and we appreciate help in reaching our goals. Big projects ahead are:

- Reconstruction of the Corbett Park "Heart Path" first developed by the Lions Club in 1985.
- Reconstruction of Basketball court in Corbett (safer surface, proposed in 1/3 of tennis court).
- Evergreen Park playground equipment replacement for safety upgrade.
- Weeding and planting in Sagawa Park at the center of downtown Brockport.
- New park signage to make the public aware of Village parks and safe enjoyment thereof.

Corbett Heart Path reconstruction cost projection: 5/8 crusher run \$8.25 per ton, 1 ton covers 4'x6'w, 6"deep. This project would make the park more accessible to all members of the community. Total cost being developed. >show pictures<

Some of the costs of new equipment: We-saw (show pictures): \$8,850 - Omni-spinner: \$6,820 - Rushwinder (slide, with climbing bars): \$4,445 - Boogie Board (balance apparatus): \$1,945 - Saddle spinner (single sit and spin): \$925 - Curved Balance Beam and (2) Log Steppers: \$685 and \$1,450

