

MINUTES

Village of Brockport Parks Committee Wednesday, June 12, 2019
7pm – Village Hall – 127 Main Street, Brockport, NY

Mission Statement: *The Parks Committee of the Village of Brockport serves as an advisory committee to the Village Board and works with the Department of Public Works. Together, we aim to provide well-maintained parks and public places, and to preserve open space in our neighborhoods for maximum public enjoyment.*

Attendance: Linda Ketchum (chair), Losh Spalla, Amy Guptill (secretary), Annie Crane (Village Board liaison), John LaPierre (Village Board liaison), Joe Blosenhauer, CT Oakes

Excused: Hanny Heyen, Barbara Blosenhauer, Lynda Cochran (vice-chair)

Call to order: 7:02

Meeting Minutes: approve minutes of May 8, 2019

CT Oakes moved; Chelsea seconded; voice vote, approved

Old Business: (Linda)

- Age stickers received from Parkitects, placed in Corbett, other parks still need them
- Lilac bush trimming in Corbett Park is a low priority, update on pruning workshop

The gardener and DPW are pulling out too-big bushes from Harvester Park. Some were replanted at Village Hall on Main St, and lilacs from Harvester Park will be replanted at Corbett.

The pruning workshop sponsored by DEC tentatively scheduled for June 8 didn't happen that day and has not yet been scheduled. They're waiting on a book of instructions to be reprinted by NYSDEC.

- New equipment in Barry St Park, we want to pursue Zip Krooz installation

Last month we voted to pursue a Zip Krooz installation and to see about getting the biggest one we can fit in the space, conforming to safety guidelines. One model is 50' long; another is 66'.

We got estimates from Parkitects including surfacing with wood chips (clean, splinter free, sterilized). Maybe we can buy it through DPW for a better price. The price includes a community build; if we had them build it, it would be about \$14,000 more.

Annie: How many people would we need for a community build?

Linda: Fewer than South Ave, because that was multiple pieces of equipment.

John LaPierre: And even that build had more people than we truly needed.

Linda: The estimates we got include NYS contracted discount and includes wood chips. The 50' estimate is \$31,592.96 and for 66' \$36,905.90.

John: We could get the wood chips cheaper through DPW, I'm sure.

Losh: We'd have to have the posts set earlier so that the concrete can cure.

Annie: Also, on South Ave we had to put tape up and keep kids off for a few days while the concrete hardened.

Also noted: there are unfolding plans in Canandaigua and Webster for inclusive equipment for both adults and kids, with or without disabilities or not. It's something the committee should consider in emphasizing improvements to Corbett Park and beyond.

- Havenwood Drive swings progress, weather dependent

Barbara not here to report, but the weather has been terrible for driving heavy equipment onto the grass, so it certainly hasn't been done yet.

Linda: Let's vote on our preference. CT Oakes moves we opt for the 66' product, Losh seconds. Voice vote: approved.

John: We need to verify that the product we're buying is also in the NYS bid system. Otherwise, we have to seek multiple bids. And we have to figure out other costs, like concrete and stone layer. We can ask Ben from Parkitects for what is involved on the local side. We should also develop a schedule, including going to the board.

Annie: Next board meeting is July 1.

Linda: Maybe we can shoot for a September installation. It depends in part on how soon we would have to have the order in. That's another question to address to Ben at Parkitects.

Liaisons Reports, Budget Report: Update on Senator Ortt's response to Corbett plan, also porta john in Corbett not in budget per Harry Donahue (Monika's to be placed on Jun 10)

Linda: Via Hanny (today), Senator Ortt said no to our request for funds for Corbett park. The community group (Sweden Foundation) that put the Sweden Town Park improvements in motion may want to help us too. We can present our plan (the one we presented to Senator Ortt) to that group. Linda will send it to Margay to ensure that she has complete information about the needs of Corbett at the ready.

Question: when does the budget year begin for the village?

John: We're in a new budget year (as of June 1).

New Business: (Linda)

- New metal sign wording is committee approved, Linda needs to meet with Harry/John

- NEED HELP? – signs to go below metal signs, updated with cross-streets, same as above

Linda: Still need to meet with Harry to accomplish that.

- Lyme disease warning signs installed; thank you DPW & C.T. for alerting us to free signs!
- Spring surveys compiled, see attached document

Highlighted items in the surveys are high-priority safety concerns. This also goes to Harry.

CT Oakes: In the Corbett report, the key concern is that the concrete footings under the climbing wall are exposed. There is some new wood chips, but that isn't enough.

- Save the date for Saturday of Service: August 24, 2019, Corbett Park
- Tennis courts/pickleball repair quotes from Brian VanBuren. Should we pursue this instead of full replacement? Ben Fraiser is confident that Brian's work is exemplary.

Losh: How does that work?

CT: They have materials that they can level the low spots, seal the cracks, and then resurface, all of which is designed to stretch with seasonal changing temperatures and its holding up well in Western New York, according to Brian VanBuren.

Losh: Looking at the three new courts in Clarkson, they're crowned appropriately to shed water, that's what we need or they'll just get ruined over and over.

CT: We should get a reference to one he's done; I can go check it out.

Linda: Then we can get a price from him.

John: It would be better to get a good technical description of what should be done and then have Harry contract with him to do it.

- Replacement parts update for Corbett equipment repairs

CT: Also waiting to hear from Brian about this.

- August 14 volunteer service opportunity in parks with Kent Blair, is there a team-building volunteer project that we could use help with? Check surveys compile list.

Linda: Will direct him to Barry street – scraping, painting in pavilion and weeding and mulching

John: We need to figure out insurance. People climbing ladders in this case, doing work they don't normally do.

- Evergreen damage repair update (Canal Corp work)

Annie: I was there yesterday; there was a lot of stone on the slope.

CT: That's for the new drain they had to install, related to why they dug up the park a lot. That stone is staying; it won't be grassed over. It is now hydroseeded from Corbett to Evergreen but not at Evergreen.

- Has DPW filled burn holes in Corbett slides with Bondo? Carved in graffiti can be smoothed with a small grinder and use propane torch to smooth and restore the color.

Linda: Will add this to the discussion with Harry; This strategy came from Brian's advice.

- Rose bush relocation from Market St square to Sagawa Park, update

Linda: Village gardener and Jim Bareis made a decision about the location of the rosebush; the whole park is becoming "rosegardenish".

CT: Two things: First, I still want to push for dog bags and garbage cans in Corbett. There are stations at the canal bridges, garbage can with the dog station right there. Nice if there were three at Corbett. Second, the Canal Corp says they're going to work with homeowners to talk about the best screening vegetation. It would be nice to ensure nice plantings around the two memorial benches, but it'll have to be coordinated with the village and the Canal Corp. One east of Fayette Street (temporarily out) and west of Main St just past the canal map sign.

Annie: I'll mention that to Margay; it's outside the scope of our work.

Motion to adjourn: Joe. Second: CT. Voice vote. Adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Next Meeting: July 10, 2019, 7pm, at the Village Hall – 127 Main Street

Other dates for 2019: Aug 14, Sep 11, Oct 9

Parks Committee Surveys – Spring 2019 (note: ratings are from 1 to 5)

Barry Street: overall rating 4

Safety concerns: Pickleball court needs to be resurfaced (dips cause dangerous slime accumulation)

Basketball court needs resurfacing

Vegetation: weeding and mulching is an ongoing issue

Structures: Pavilion needs painting under eave where fascia is rotted

Some burn holes in tunnel slide at the top, not a risk

Corbett: overall rating 1-2 -problems same as last year

Safety concerns: green climbing board (wall) concrete footings are exposed and could cause injury (south-east corner of tennis courts) could use sod there to build it up again

Yellow tube slides have burn holes, fingers could get caught

Circular caps missing over assembly access points in large play equipment

Hideaway area at canal retention pond needs to be addressed

Heart trail needs replacement, Tennis courts need resurfacing

Trail needs to be ADA compliant and reach swings/pavilion

Evergreen: overall rating 4.5

Canal Corp is repairing damage made after vegetation removal

Harvester: overall rating 3

Structures: still missing some blocks on retaining wall (path leading to Main St)

Good cleaning around benches needed

Havenwood: overall rating 4

Safety concern: replace old swing set with new one in storage

Structures: Benches need painting

Vegetation: mulch needed in all mulched areas

Monika's Park: overall rating 4

Safety concerns: vines compromise south fence and it is leaning toward park, **replace fence**

Mat at entrance of play equipment is coming loose, tripping hazard

Structures: peeling plastic coverings on benches/tables/play equipment

smaller piece of equipment has broken game, metal coating is deteriorating

several small holes in east fence

Suggestion: install barrier between play equipment and parking area (similar to South Ave log fence?)

Remembrance Park: overall rating 5

No concerns, well taken care of by new Village gardener

Sagawa Park: overall rating 4.5

Improved by new Village gardener, burning bushes need trimming (at street and back wall)

South Avenue: overall rating 5

Structures: chip in stepper log seems to be worsening

Vegetation: Wegmans sign planting overwintered well

