

MINUTES

Village of Brockport Parks Committee Wednesday, September 11, 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. We help provide well-maintained parks and recreational opportunities for people of all ages and abilities.*

Call to order: 6:59 pm

Attendance: Linda Ketchum, Annie Crane, Losh Spalla, Hanny Heyen, John LaPierre, CT Oakes, Jennifer Haytock, Barb Blosenhauer, Joe Blosenhauer.

Excused: Amy Guptill, Chelsea Wong.

Meeting Minutes: Approve minutes of August 14, 2019. Approved with one spelling correction.

Old Business:

- Age stickers received from Parkitects, placed in Corbett, other parks still need them
- Hanny Heyen had an update from Mayor Blackman on the lilac bush trimming in Corbett Park. The DEC pruning workshop will be Sept 28 for residents. If you are interested, let Hanny know.
- Havenwood Drive swings were installed last week. Joe and Barb Blosenhauer reported that they look great and showed a picture they took. Some trees were removed behind the swings.
- Spring survey items of concern that were taken care of are: the mat at Monika's Park was glued down and mulch was spread at that park. Mulch is also ready to be spread at Barry Street.
- New metal rules sign wording is committee approved. Linda Ketchum needs to meet with Harry Donahue, DPW supervisor, to go over the process of having the signs made. The "NEED HELP" signs that were updated with cross-street addresses to go below the rules sign are also set to go.
- Dead trees in Corbett Park near the pavilion were removed on Sep 6. The Church of Latter Day Saints community members came to collect large stumps for donation to needy families for heating this winter.
- Linda Ketchum will again try to put Harry Donahue in touch with Brian VanBuren of Titan Development for quotes on tennis/pickle ball court repairs. C. T. Oakes gave her the contact information for Brian to make sure this moves forward.

Liaisons Reports, Budget Report: no updates.

Hanny Heyen: It would be good for us to start working on next year's budget in the next couple months. Maybe we can start chipping away at Corbett's needs.

New Business:

- Update on Barry St, Zip Krooz community build. Wegmans has approved our request for a donation of food. The award was for \$500. Linda Ketchum will meet with Julie Fox, Wegmans catering manager, one week prior to the build for menu planning. She will also contact Darrell Deas, who coordinates community service at the College, to see if students signed up to help us on Oct 5. Linda still needs to meet with Harry Donahue to go over the plan. John LaPierre will facilitate the meeting. A letter written by Linda Ketchum was sent to neighbors by Carol McNees, DPW secretary. See attached.
- Saturday of Service on Aug 24 at Corbett Park was successful. Thank you to the supervisors: Joe Blosenhauer, Losh Spall, Hanny Heyen, Amy Guptill and Linda Ketchum. Linda submitted an article to Suburban News and it was published Sep 1. See attached. Four lilac beds were weeded and mulched, plus, 1/3 of the playground was weeded.
- Porta-johns were to be removed after Labor Day. Prior to this meeting, it was observed that the one in Monika's Park was removed. Corbett Park and Barry Street Park porta-johns remain. It was suggested that the one in Barry Street Park remain for the community build on Oct 5.
- Linda Ketchum requested that more brochures be printed for the Welcome Center. She noticed there weren't any there. That's a good thing because they are being used. The Village Clerk, Leslie Morelli, notified Linda that the Village Hall address on the brochure needed updating. Linda contacted Norm Frisch, the original designer of the brochure, to do the update. Also included will be an update to amenities under TRAVELING on the cover page. Bike repair station and EV charging stations have been added to the Welcome Center. The other amenities that were there are also included inside, so they can be replaced with the newer amenities for the cover.
- A group called "Brockport Reads" (Facebook site name), placed 35 books in Sagawa Park for children to read and pass along. It has been a great success!
- Another pollinator garden has been planted at the Welcome Center. Three out of four are done.
- A leader from Bonduelle in Brockport wanted to have a team-building volunteer project to do in our parks. Linda Ketchum suggested weeding under play equipment in Monika's, Corbett and Barry St.
- Amy Guptill is writing a summary of Parks projects for the Fall Village newsletter.
- Fall surveys by individual committee members are due at the next meeting. Blanks were handed out.
- Thank you to Lynda Cochran for being a parks committee member and vice-chair! Card will be signed at the next meeting.
- After the full agenda, Hanny Heyen wanted to discuss forming a committee to meet over the winter to address funding parks improvements. Linda Ketchum, Barbara Blosenhauer, John LaPierre and Annie Crane will participate in this committee. Hanny stressed that although our grant application will be resubmitted again this year we need to come up with alternate ways to improve conditions, especially at Corbett Park. We need to devise a framework for goals in Corbett Park if anything is going to get

done. We normally hear if we have gotten the grant in December, but we want to start meeting in November.

Our 5-year plan needs to be revised. C. T. Oakes expressed the concerns outlined in the survey of Corbett Park that Hanny and C. T. handed in today. There is no "clear flowing" channel in the duck pond. There are no replacement parts for the deteriorating playground structure. The remaining piece of the fitness trail equipment wiggles badly. It's dangerous and he observed four men doing pull-ups on the horizontal ladder portion.

Hanny suggested we look into what other villages do for funding. What other support can we come up with?

John suggested we go to BISCO and the Lions Club who were the original funders of the playground structure and fitness path.

A meeting will be set up in the future by Hanny to convene this committee.

Next Meeting: October 9, 2019, 7pm, at the Village Hall – 127 Main Street

Other date for 2019: Oct 5 – community build at Barry St Park

Again this year the Village of Brockport Parks Committee hosted The College of Brockport students to help clean up one of our nine village parks. Twenty students worked for two hours on Saturday, August 24, as part of their freshman program of service to the community. We appreciate all their hard work and hope that all students have a successful Fall 2019 semester.

Linda Ketchum, chair
Village of Brockport Parks Committee





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September 2019

Dear Neighbor:

There will be a community build project in Barry Street playground on Saturday, October 5, 2019. Please come out to participate and join in the fun.

The Village of Brockport Parks Committee followed the ideas from a wish list for more active play equipment created by a child from your neighborhood.

The Zip Krosz, pictured below, is the result of this research. It is the most popular piece of equipment according to our playground designer. Please come out on Saturday, October 5, 2019 from 8am-4pm to see what it's all about. You will notice some digging activity in the days leading up to the build.

Thank you for supporting our 9 Brockport Village Parks.

Sincerely,

Margay Blackman, Mayor
Village of Brockport

Linda Ketchum, Chair
Village of Brockport Parks Committee



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