

Minutes

Village of Brockport Parks Committee July 10, 2018

7pm – Village Hall – 127 Main Street, Brockport, NY

Present: L. Ketchum, A. Crane, A. Guptill, H. Heyen, J. Blosenbauer, B. Blosenbauer, J. LaPierre, L. Spalla

Absent: L. Cochran

Meeting Minutes: June 13, 2018 minutes approved with one change in wording

Old Business:

- South Avenue bush planting around Wegmans dedication sign was completed with one replacement of grasses for a rosebush that died. L. Ketchum will take a picture to send to Wegmans to show the nice display of appreciation.
- Parks Bench form and the Parks Planting Donation form are now located under the Government/Parks Committee tab on the Village website - not the forms/applications tab on the main page. There was some discussion as to whether it would be better to have the location changed. It was not determined which location would be better and it is best to leave it.
- The Cort Fowler family tree donation will be installed in Monika's Park as soon as possible according to "The Bridge" publication of the Brockport Rotary. From the June publication: It is up to Salmon Creek and the Seymour Library. The \$500 cost was paid by member donations and proceeds from the winning can drive competition.
- Age stickers for playground equipment were received from Parkitects. We may need help to determine which specific age group sticker to place on equipment. It was suggested that we read through the audits to get that information. L. Ketchum will check the audits and ask committee members for help when she goes to each park.
- H. Heyen stated that the DPW Superintendent, Harry Donahue, has the contact information of the volunteers for trimming lilac bushes. They will determine the best time to perform the trimming between them. Only DPW staff will use power tools. A.

Crane and J. LaPierre will formally accept Buck Noble and Jim Fallon as volunteers at the next Village Board meeting on July 16, 2018.

- L. Ketchum summarized the committee members' surveys of their respective parks. DPW superintendent, Harry Donahue, received a copy from our liaisons yesterday. That summary is attached to these minutes. Discussion followed to make sure nothing was left out. L. Spalla submitted that the net he rigged up in Barry Street Park has since been fixed correctly. It was also determined there is no warranty on the pickleball court surface. The Village will have to pay someone to resurface it. Dry weather conditions have made the surface safer and there is no slime buildup in the dips and paint cracks. A. Guptill stated that the we-saw in South Avenue playground also squeaks loudly. L. Ketchum will inquire with Parkitects contact, Ben Frasier, about remediation.
- Saturday of Service is August 25. Possible activities are noted in the survey summary, but more information is needed. L. Ketchum will visit Monika's, Corbett and Evergreen parks to determine the plan for the college student volunteer work. A. Guptill, A. Crane, H. Heyen and L. Ketchum have volunteered to supervise so far. L. Spalla suggested that four students could be diverted to Barry Street to paint part of the shelter.

Liaisons Reports, Budget Report: J. LaPierre and A. Crane met with DPW Superintendent, Harry Donahue, about maintenance issues. Installation of three swing sets will begin as soon as work is completed on the Idlewood Drive sewer project. That should be in three weeks. It will take one week per playground to tear down the old set, box out a bigger fall area, drill holes, pour cement, set up new swings and let cement cure. All swings should be complete by the end of August. Wood chips will be laid in those parks at the same time. Corbett Park parking lots will be repaved this summer. The retention ponds' maintenance in Corbett Park are Village responsibility. The DEC limits what can be done. As long as water is retained and is flowing out, no action is needed. Harry will send summer help to measure the "Heart Path" in Corbett Park.

New Business:

- Rosebushes from downtown tree surrounds planted in Sagawa Park on June 9 and 16 to fill in gaps created after weeding in Sagawa earlier in the month. Village Trustee, Kathy

Kristansen, coordinated all this. Thank you to L. Spalla and H. Heyen along with many volunteers from the Gardening Club and others for coming to help empty the tree surrounds and plant myrtle. It seems that Pam Ketchum will continue to garden in Remembrance/Harvester until the Village Gardener is onboard (and maybe the south side of Sagawa). L. Ketchum will coordinate with Village Trustee, Kathy Kristansen, to extend a formal thank-you to Pam.

- L. Spalla emailed Peter Sharpe at BOCES and, after no response, went to his office to find out about wooden sign project. No contact was made and school is out for the summer. We will have to revisit this initiative in the fall.
- L. Ketchum talked about the two applications to join this committee. Both applicants are good candidates and may be appointed at the July 16, 2018 Village Board meeting.
- Sagawa Park hosted the rededication of the tower clock at the United Methodist Church on June 25th, pictures can be found in the Suburban News:
<http://www.westsidenevsnny.com/features/2018-07-02/after-nearly-two-years-brockports-tower-clock-chimes-again/>
- Summer Serenades started July 5 in Harvester Park. The schedule can be found here: http://www.brockportny.org/files/Summer_Serenades.pdf (7pm in July, 6:30 in August)
- H. Heyen is helping Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, Erica Linden, with the resubmission of the grant for work in Corbett Park. Strong support letters are needed. B. Blosenhauer suggested Dr. James Goetz would make a good letter-writer. L. Ketchum will also submit a letter as Parks Committee Chair. H. Heyen will forward examples of past letters. Mayor Blackman will also be speaking with local politicians to voice our needs.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 7pm - 127 Main Street, Village Hall

Note - Parks Summary attached on next page

Parks Committee Surveys – Spring 2018 (note: ratings are from 1 to 5)

Thank you, as always, to the DPW for all their work in the parks!

Barry Street: overall rating 4

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

Pickleball court needs to be resurfaced, dips cause slime accumulation

Basketball court needs to be resurfaced

Broken glass under shelter

Vegetation: weeding and mulching was needed, but has been accomplished. Thank you!

Structures: one net was down; Losh rigged it so it was back up; Picnic shelter needs painting under eave

Corbett: overall rating 3

Safety concerns: large play equipment, yellow slide – replace 2 bolts underneath top of red supports

White taxi sign – open crack, bottom right (south side of blue walkway)

Blue post – screws missing: (2) northeast, (3) southeast, (4) northwest, (2) southwest

General: Many upgrades and remedial actions are long overdue. Ideas listed in 2016 NYS Parks grant to be resubmitted this year. Volunteers & DPW to prune 33 lilacs. Benches/tables need sanding/painting.

Evergreen: overall rating 4

Safety concerns: yellow strips on stair steps needed

replace old swing set with new one in storage

Structures: repaint stairs; think about spray-painting benches (what type of paint?)

Vegetation: weeding and mulching all mulched areas

Harvester: overall rating 5

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

Vegetation: some weeds growing between pavers

Havenwood: overall rating 4

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

Replace sharp broken bench pieces

Vegetation: mulch needed in all mulched areas

Monika's Park: overall rating 5

Safety concern: broken play equipment – lost pictures, getting description

Structures: peeling plastic coverings on benches/tables

Vegetation: mulch needed

Remembrance Park: overall rating 5

No concerns, well taken care of by volunteer efforts of Pam Ketchum

Sagawa Park: overall rating 3

No safety concerns, but "burning bushes" need trimming, regular weeding plan needed!

South Avenue: overall rating 5

No safety concerns

Structures: sometimes the bumpers under the teeter-totter come off; kids roll them down the slide.

Vegetation: grape vine growing up one of the pine trees on the Winston Woods entrance road