

Minutes

Village of Brockport Parks Committee August 14, 2018

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

Present: L. Ketchum, A. Guptill, H. Heyen, J. Blosehauer, B. Blosehauer, L. Spalla, C. T. Oakes

Absent: L. Cochran, A. Crane, J. LaPierre

Meeting Minutes: July 10, 2018 minutes approved

Old Business:

- After replacing a plant at the South Avenue Wegmans dedication sign L. Ketchum will take a picture to send to Wegmans to show the nice display of appreciation.
- The Cort Fowler family tree donation to be installed in Monika's Park is pending.
- Placing age stickers on playground equipment is on hold until after Saturday of Service (August 25). L. Ketchum will check the audits and ask committee members for help when she goes to each park.
- H. Heyen stated that the two volunteers that were accepted by the Village Board for the lilac-trimming project are ready whenever the DPW can spare the time to assist.
- Saturday of Service is August 25. Activities will be painting picnic tables, weeding and mulching lilac beds and weeding under playground equipment in Corbett Park. An additional work site is Barry Street where students can paint the board under the overhang of the picnic shelter. L. Ketchum will double-check the sites and ask for supplies from the DPW Superintendent. Supervisors are H. Heyen, L. Spalla, A. Guptill and L. Ketchum. C. T. Oakes may also be on hand to help. The idea of sanding/painting downtown tree square fences is not feasible. We meet at 1:30 at Corbett Park and await the students. Supplies will be dropped off at L. Ketchum's house and she will bring them to the park. L. Spalla and H. Heyen will supply water and ice as in years past.

Liaisons Reports, Budget Report: none

New Business:

- The committee welcomed C. T. Oakes to the committee and we introduced ourselves. C. T. participates in geocaching and that takes him to the parks regularly. He has twice had to report vandalism in Corbett Park to the Brockport Police. A tree was chopped down with a machete and a picnic shelter table bench was chopped up. Tennis nets were hung in trees like a hammock in the past. L. Ketchum observed that the Brockport Police drive through the park along the heart path up by the retention pond and up to the canal path.
- Tree surrounds were tested for feasibility of being a Saturday of Service site. L. Ketchum concluded that sanding the rust was a much bigger job than anticipated. This is not a task that students can easily undertake.
- H. Heyen talked to Herb Fink regarding the condition of the tennis courts in Corbett Park. He used to play at the park often and he suggested contacting the college women's tennis coach, Ed Gonzalez, regarding USTA community grants. L. Cochran has been following up on this.
- New signs in the parks are still in limbo. The metal "rules" signs are to be ordered by the DPW Superintendent. We could ask how much they will cost and when they will be ordered. H. Heyen and L. Spalla will visit Peter Sharpe at BOCES once school starts again in September to find out about the large wooden sign production status.
- L. Spalla reported that the Barry Street Pickleball Court was in bad shape in the spring. The Village needs to hire a contractor to resurface the court. He finds people playing there often. Some groups play there. There is a large mulch pile in Barry Street Park ready for when the new swing set is installed.
- L. Ketchum sent an email to the new committee members to welcome them. One attends today and both need to take the oath with the Village Clerk, Leslie Morelli.
- L. Ketchum reported that Sagawa Park was very weedy again, but the new gardener hired by the Village Board has taken care of the problem in time for the annual BISCO Arts Festival held last weekend. It was a beautiful setting for music, tables and chairs. C. T. Oakes suggested an organic weed killer consisting of Dawn soap, vinegar and salt.

- The annual Honors College “Gives Back” Service Event is scheduled for October 6 this year. L. Ketchum was contacted to see if the parks could use college students’ help. She will forward the email to A. Guptill who will see if this is a good fit for us.
- Summer Serenades continue in Harvester Park through August on Thursdays at 6:30. The schedule is on the Village website, or click below:
http://www.brockportny.org/files/Summer_Serenades.pdf
- C. T. Oakes suggested that we consider a warning about Lyme disease on park signs. He has seen this warning in other county parks. It is helpful to spray Permethrin on your socks when hiking through parks, fields or woods. This lasts through six washings.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 7pm - 127 Main Street, Village Hall

