

Parks Meeting, Wednesday, July 21, 2014
Village Hall Conference Room

Members present:

Hanny Heyen, Linda Ketchum, Carol Brakenbury, Losh Spalla, Sandi Henschel, Pam Ketchum, John LaPierre [Village Board Liaison]

Members not present:

Kristin Stiles

Hanny called the meeting to order at 4:37PM

The June minutes were accepted as amended.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A meeting schedule for the parks committee was approved for the Third Monday of the month, 4:30 p.m. , at the Village Hall Conference Room. We will meet during the months of April, May, August, September, and as needed.
- Surveillance cameras John said that inexpensive cameras aren't clear enough and that the expensive ones might give a good picture, but you'd have to know who that person is before it can be useful.
- Suggestion was made that a trail cam might be a deterrent; but the camera would have to be checked regularly. We need to balance the effort the cameras would take with their effectiveness.
- Suggestion was made to put a faux camera for about \$35.00 in one of the parks as a deterrent. Discussion followed. A motion was made and seconded that we try the faux camera at Barry Street Park.

- Status of Corbett Park Fence Replacement
John reported that the fence has been approved at a cost of \$9450.00. The fence will be put up by the same company that put up the vinyl fence at the Barry Street Pickleball courts.

It will be galvanized metal. The old fence will be cleaned up.

The materials are on order and the fence will be put up as soon as possible.

The old fence will be torn down and the fence line cleaned up beforehand.

An email from a visitor to Corbett Park had some interesting suggestions and safety concerns. A discussion followed as to how we want to address these issues. Hanny will respond to his concerns and members will look into these issues.

- Status of South Avenue Park Clean-up and Fence

John reported that the owner's belongings were removed from the park's property. The fence may be done by next week, but maybe not until early August, depending upon the weather.

- Pam and Linda reported there hasn't been time to work on the status of Playground Equipment for South Avenue Park
- Pickleball Courts
- The courts have been sealed and lined. The nets are here, but they're tennis nets in order to fit the existing posts. DPW will work on getting them to 34" (height in middle) to be in compliance with pickleball requirements.
- Hopefully, they'll be ready by the end of next week.
- The Contractor: Super Seal Sealcoating, Penfield, NY. The cost: \$10,800.
- Hanny discussed having an Official Grand Opening, with Committee chairs, Carol Brakenbury and Losh Spalla.
- We need to have some press. Members believed it would be good to have some people to explain the game to any who might come to the opening.
- John suggests that the Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting be Tuesday, August 5, 2014, 10:00a.m.
- Photo Op: will be Friday 7/25 @ 11:00 a.m. pre-press release.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Barry Street Park

Hanny will let Harry know the day of the Grand Opening so that the lawns are mowed. We need to be sure the swings are safe – there are HUGE cavities under the swings on the southeast side of Barry Street Park. We hope that the park looks neat for the Event.

Hanny communicated with Chief Varrenti about extra patrols past the Barry Street Park b/c of the recently resurfaced Pickleball courts and the prevalence of skateboarders.

- Annuals planting at Harvester went very well and the plantings are doing well.

Hanny reported that Skip & Andrea's granddaughter, Courtney La Rocca, volunteered to re-design the "Borrow a Bike" sign outside the Welcome Center in Harvester Park. When that's done, we will discuss painting the bike rack.

- Parks' Codes, Code Review Committee Meeting,

Hanny and Sandi attended a meeting with the Code Review Committee on June 23, 2014, 6PM. The meeting went well. We have dispatched our responsibilities. Now it's up to the Codes Review Committee.

- Corbett Park Pond Erosion Problem

- Hanny asked Dr. Joe Makarewicz, Distinguished Professor Environmental Sciences and Biology, College at Brockport, Harry Donahue, DPW Superintendent, John LaPierre, Liaison, Village Board, to meet her at the Corbett Park Pond (Clark Street) on June 25, 2014 at 3:00 PM, to discuss the chronic erosion problem on the pond's northern shore.

- The NYS Fresh Water Wetlands Act protects the duck pond & the area contiguous to it (large cattail area to the south and the low plateau of grass to the southwest). All are considered protected wetlands, and the plateau is considered part of an overall water retention system—a safeguard for overflows.
- Erosion Problem Remedy: By supporting the western wall with large rocks or other acceptable material, the water outflow from the southern drainage pipe now hitting the northern edge of the pond would be diverted through the pond's middle towards the outlet pipe near Smith Street. Dr. Makarewicz shared with us that dredging in front of that pipe, which is needed as cattails are filling in the pond, would not need State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) approval. This action would not mitigate a significant environmental impact and the need for drainage/dredging “trumps” environmental concerns (competing issues), but Harry Donahue will check with NYSDEC beforehand regarding a permit.

- Saturday Day of Service

- The date is set for, Saturday, August 23, 2014.
- Linda reports that we need to do a lot of mulching, trimming, painting at Monika's Park and Corbett Park.
- There was a brief discussion of Dog Parks and Splash pads. These topics were tabled for another date.

- Potential playground grant(s)

John said there are some playground grants out there. Carol is going to write a few things outlining whom the likely users will be for playing pickleball in Barry Street Park. When she does this, John will apply for grant money.

- Resignations

- It is with regret that the Parks Committee accepts the resignations of Ann Butler & Lindsey MacMillan.
- Kristin Stiles will remain a member with the understanding that she's frequently called away for work-related issues.

- Next meeting: Monday, August 18, 2014, 4:30 PM, Village Hall Conference Room

A Motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved that the meeting be adjourned at 5:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,
 Sandi Henschel, Secretary
 Brockport Parks Committee