

Parks Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, October 21, 2015

Village Hall Conference Room, 5:00 PM
49 State Street, Brockport, NY 14420

Members Present:

Hanny Heyen, Linda Ketchum, Losh Spalla, John LaPierre, Sandi Henschel

Not Present:

Joe Blosenhauer, Barbara Blosenhauer, Lynda Cochran, Kristin Stiles,

The minutes of the September 21, 2015 meeting were informally approved by the members present.

Hanny discussed the email we received re: the litter in Harvester Park, thrown over the deck of Fazool's into Harvester Park. Apparently the owners of this facility aren't as faithful about keeping litter from falling into the park.

Hanny invited Harry Donahue to the presentation to be made by Sitting Pretty Benches.

OLD BUSINESS:

Parks Law: Members discussed the final draft for Village of Brockport Codes Draft Version #7 (*revised 6/18/14 by R.Duff, 6/23/14 by CRC, 8/21/14, 2/23/15 and 3/25/15 by A. Appleby, with Attorney Comments, 6/23/15 by CRC, 09/30/15 by A. Appleby and H. Heyen*).

A LOCAL LAW MODIFYING OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF BROCKPORT TITLED "PARKS," will be presented to the Village Board.

Losh Spalla made a motion that we accept the suggestions to change some items in the Code law. Sandi Henschel seconded the motion, and the motion was passed by the members present.

Surveys of Parks (Linda Ketchum)

Linda Ketchum reminded us that we reorganized who was in charge of which park. She will send an email to the committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ben Frasier, WNY Representative for Parkitects, will offer a Parks seminar and he will host a tour of the parks on Wednesday, October 28, 2015. *Time/Place:* Beginning @2:00 p.m., Village Hall, followed by a tour of Barry, Corbett, and Monika Andrews Children's Park. He will discuss inspections, regulations, and maintenance.

- Ad Hoc Committee Reports:

-Naming Rights for Parks and Playgrounds: Sandi Henschel and Hanny Heyen

Sandi and Hanny reported that they have begun investigating other towns and villages and what they have for their regulations for Naming Rights of parks and other public facilities. Sandi will work on definitions. Hanny will work on process for implementation.

-Signs: Losh Spalla - (CRC working on sign ordinances) Losh spoke with Peter Sharpe from BOCES who says he can do anything we'd like, but we need to decide what we want on the signs. The members agreed that we want consistency in our signage. Discussion followed. We would like to have a sign naming each park. The 'rules and regulations signs' need to be consistent, but not on the sign naming the park. We need to get an estimate on cost for these signs.

John suggested that Losh give Peter Sharpe an idea of what we want and how many, in order to get an estimate of costs. We agreed that we wanted the Park name signs to be similar to the 'Welcome to Brockport' sign.

-Winter/Spring Event: Joe and Barbara Blosehauer
Not present.

-Scholarships, Lynda Cochran:
Not present.

- **Sitting Pretty Benches:** A discussion followed re: forms, Process/procedures, for benches.
- **Monika Andrews Children's Park**

Hanny learned that Bill Andrews got a bench and placed it in Monika's park after speaking with Harry Donahue. He neglected to clear it with the Parks Committee, and he apologized for not clearing it first. This brings up the need for a more clear process for placing these long lasting items such as trees, benches, signs etc.

We need to come up with a method for deciding where benches and plaques should be placed. Again, it needs a process in order to be consistent.

- **College at Brockport's Social Action Project (SAP)**

Mayor Blackman recommended that the Parks committee be involved with College at Brockport's Social Action Project (SAP). It was decided among the members present that it was too short notice for us and might not work well, since we have only spring and summer meetings and graduation is in the spring and students aren't here during the summer.

- **2016 (Parks) Budget Considerations**

Members were asked to consider what we want on the Parks' line when the Village does budgeting. It was suggested that the parking lots need to be paved – big pothole at Monika's parking lot – and there's a hole in the roof of the pavillion.

Han would like to meet after the seminar/tour with Ben Frasier to discuss some of the parks' needs.

OTHER:

South Avenue Park:

Two black walnut trees have been taken down from South Avenue Park.

Mural @ Sagawa Park:

Today, at 2PM, prior to our parks committee meeting, Hanny and others had a meeting a meeting with muralist, Rick Muto at the Village Hall. They spoke to the owner of the Brockport Diner who expressed concern that the mural may cover his diner's sign.

Parks Committee Meeting Time: Discussion followed re: meeting time. Many people can't make the 5:00 time. We may have to adjust our meeting time. Wednesday nights may be best, but later in the evening. Suggestions for 7PM were made.

It was suggested that we have more than one or two more meetings before April, as there is much to do before then.

We will try to have an additional meeting on Monday, 11/9 at 7pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:05PM

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, 11/9 at 7pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandi Henschel, Secretary

Brockport Parks Committee

