

Parks Committee Meeting, Tuesday, October 10, 2017

Large Meeting Room, Village Hall, 7pm
49 State Street, Brockport, NY 14420, 637-5300

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Linda Ketchum, Joe Bloshauer, Amy Guptill, John LaPierre, Hanny Heyen, Losh Spalla, Sandi Henschel

Not Present:

Lynda Cochran, Annie Crane, Barbara Bloshauer

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the last meeting. The September 12, 2017 minutes were unanimously approved by the members present. A special thank you to L. Cochran for putting the minutes together so well.

CORRESPONDENCE, etc.

L. Ketchum cancelled Harvester concrete clean-up project with student help after talking to Harry Donahue. It is much more involved as a process than we anticipated.

Village Newsletter item created by A. Guptill sent to Erica Linden reads: Parks Users Survey - In summer 2017, the village Parks Committee mailed surveys to households near Corbett and Evergreen parks asking for feedback about existing and desired play equipment and other ways people enjoy the parks. We learned that users especially value safe and attractive swings, climbers, and spinners for both younger and older children. Respondents also shared thoughtful concerns about safety, accessibility, and the availability of shade and seating. The Parks Committee is grateful for the feedback and looks forward to incorporating these priorities into future plans for continuous improvement. The committee would love to hear more about these or any park playgrounds! Share your input anytime through the online version of the survey at <http://www.brockportny.org/news/parks>.

A Saturday of Service article created by S. Henschel was sent to the *Suburban News* with a picture from Mayor Blackman. It hasn't been in the paper yet. Linda will contact the paper to see why it hasn't appeared or when it will. [UPDATE: The article appeared in the October 22nd issue of the *Suburban News*. See below:]

College Freshmen Help Spruce Up The Village - In the 8th Annual Saturday Day of Service

Brockport, NY—On Saturday, August 26, 2017, incoming students from the College at Brockport participated in the 8th Annual Saturday Day of Service. The program, Saturday Day of Service, was developed cooperatively through the Village of Brockport, the Brockport Parks Committee, the College at Brockport and fifty organizations, agencies, churches, libraries, and more, throughout the Greater Rochester area.

New freshman were given the choice of which of the many areas they'd prefer to work on, then were divided into groups and were directed to their assignments across the greater Brockport area. The students participated in this at-large community service initiative during their first weekend at college. In

that way they are taking some responsibility for and are "giving back" to their new homes in our village.

The afternoon was bright and sunny in Brockport, but happily, not as hot as in previous years. The students walked from campus at 1:30 p.m. to their assigned areas including Monika Andrews Children's Park on Utica Street, and Corbett Park on Clark Street in Brockport. Students did a great job in their two intense hours of service, sanding and painting parking barriers, bicycle racks, weeding and mulching under and around the playground equipment, and weeding lilac and flower beds, racking up an impressive 80 hours of volunteer service.

Harry Donahue and the Brockport's Department of Public Works supplied materials and tools, and parks committee members supervised the young workers. Sandi Henschel and Linda Ketchum worked with and supervised a group of students at Monika Andrews Children's Park, and Losh Spalla and Joe Bloshauer were the student supervisors at Corbett Park. Mayor Margay Blackman worked with a group of students walking around the village and delivering informational materials to students living in off-campus housing.

Many thanks to the students, parks committee members, Nikole Van Wie, Coordinator of Community Service at the College at Brockport, Mayor Blackman and Linda Ketchum, Vice-Chair of the Village of Brockport's Parks Committee, for their extraordinary efforts in making the 8th Annual Saturday of Service in the Village of Brockport a rousing success. --Sandi Henschel

--Photo below.

An email sent by a Corbett park user to Harry Donahue on September 20, 2017, expressed disappointment that there were no infant swings available anymore now that we have the new playground equipment. [UPDATE: DPW workers replaced one handicap swing with a toddler bucket seat.]

J. LaPierre suggests contacting the woman, explaining why the toddler swing was removed and that we are undertaking to get a new one for Corbett.

A motion to use part of our budget to purchase a toddler swing extension for Corbett was made and seconded. It was unanimously approved by the members present. The motion is on hold.

LIAISONS' REPORTS (J. LaPierre, A. Crane)

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OLD BUSINESS

- Committee members fall surveys compiled/emailed (L. Ketchum) – There were four safety concerns. Bolts were missing on Corbett equipment. Benches are broken in Havenwood. Monika's roller slide still a concern. South Ave bush needs to be planted.
- Brochure (L. Cochran) Norm Frisch will start working on the brochure the first week in October.
- Park Signage Placement (S. Henschel & A. Guptill) L. Ketchum asked members to submit their suggestions for metal and wooden sign placement. Dave Miller has to be

contacted to let him know where we would like sign-placement. J. LaPierre suggested that the size of the park will determine the size of the wooden sign.

- Park Benches Form (H. Heyen) H. Heyen brought a draft of the Commemorative Bench Request Form. Any request for a bench that might go into a park should first be sent to the Parks Committee. If any requests come in this winter they will need to wait until spring when we meet again. [UPDATE: An online vote was conducted and the Parks Committee unanimously approved the new bench form.]
- Lilac Bush Donation (L. Ketchum) Bill Moore has met with L. Ketchum twice. P. Ketchum suggested a better location near Market Street sidewalk, between two benches. The Moore family went to Sara's and contracted them to plant it in the spring. L. Ketchum will contact Harry Donahue to see if it's okay to dig in that location.
- Stump repair at South Avenue (L. Ketchum) Sent picture to Ben Frasier October 5th of the chipped stone stump. It was suggested that we fix it ourselves with a \$76 kit Parkitects can send to us. L. Ketchum will contact Parkitects to see if it should be covered under warranty. [UPDATE: Ben Frasier of Parkitects said he would send us the kit for free, and L. Ketchum asked DPW if they needed the kit.]
- Budget:
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NEW BUSINESS:

- Park Signs production at BOCES update (L. Ketchum) met with H. Donahue, J. LaPierre, P. Sharpe and L. Spalla on September 19. BOCES will obtain wood from Stockham Lumber in Holley and put it on the Village bill. Measurements were figured out and sent to P. Sharpe along with park names. Sign is more than 10' square.

J. LaPierre says that we do not need a public hearing to approve the sign, since the Village is exempt from the 10' square sign code.

Meeting with new Wegmans Manager (L. Ketchum) met with Julie Lenhard Oct 7. The new Manager agreed to provide ice, water and perhaps a snack for the students at upcoming events. L. Ketchum gave her a bench form and suggested that perhaps they'd be interested to buy a bench or two. J. LaPierre suggested dreaming big and not aiming low when approaching Wegmans again.

- L. Ketchum told J. LaPierre that the biggest project we have is fixing the Corbett Park path. When asked how much it would cost to fix, L. Ketchum agreed to do some research to come up with a schematic and an estimate of costs. After a number is provided, the possibility exists that we can apply for grants.
- College Student help with Interactive Map (L. Ketchum) A. Crane arranged for us to be a part of Dr. Kamal's service learning course. Erica Linden will be the point person. L.

Ketchum met with Erica and three students on Oct 2. They explained the idea of a map being similar to the rental property map on the Village website. L. Ketchum added that we would like the parks to be highlighted in bright green and have a link to the brochure that is being created. A short description of the amenities in each park was sent to the students. Also, A. Guptill had an idea about a path between parks that could appear on the map so that a walking tour of the parks could be possible. L. Ketchum mentioned it to the students.

- Other
The question arose of how we contract an arborist to trim lilac bushes in Corbett Park. H. Heyen reported that that can be done in April and May. She will check to see if the tree board is interested to work with us on that project.
- H. Heyen reported that the NYS Canal Corp tree clearing project from Albion to Fairport may effect Evergreen Park the most.
- BISCO/swings photo op postponed because the Mayor wasn't available on the date. [UPDATE: The photo op was done on 10/21/17. H. Heyen will send the photo to Art Appleby and BISCO will write an article.]
- Playground equipment age stickers need a follow-up. L. Ketchum was going to check on this.
- Members were asked to think of new projects over the winter break, and to think about what we would like to see in the future in the parks.
- Next Meeting –
March 13, 2018, Village Hall – meetings for 2018 are as follows after that: April 10, May 8, June 12, July 10, August 14, September 11, and October 9.

The meeting was adjourned at ... 8:00PM
Respectfully submitted,
Sandi Henschel, Secretary
Parks Committee



