

## AGENDA

Village of Brockport Parks Committee June 13, 2018  
7pm – Village Hall – 127 Main Street, Brockport, NY

### Attendance:

Meeting Minutes: approve minutes of May 8, 2018

### Old Business:

- Lilac Bush planting in Harvester Park by Moore Family, done May 10 (plaque okay?)
- South Avenue bush planting around Wegmans dedication sign - on the to-do list
- Parks Bench/Parks Planting Forms submitted to Village clerk, not yet on website
- Cort Fowler tree donation to be installed in Monika's Park, TBD by Rotary Club
- Age stickers received from Parkitects, need help determining where needed
- H. Heyen update on lilac bush trimming in Corbett Park
- Community Partner Social, H. Heyen and L. Ketchum attended – short report
- Some surveys yet to be submitted
- Kiwanis meeting was low key. A. Guptill and L. Ketchum attended. See attached report.
- Sunning recycling at Monika's drew residents only, will be rethought for next time

### Liaisons Reports, Budget Report:

### New Business:

- Weeding done in Sagawa Park on June 2 and 3. Kathy Kristansen, L. Ketchum, K. LoBracco did the Erie Street side only. Rosebushes from tree surrounds to be planted on June 9 to fill in gaps. Volunteers helping with new tree surround plan June 9 at 9am and all are welcome to join in. Village will be hiring a part-time gardener.
- New Parks signage, need to call Peter Sharpe – 352-2400 (BOCES)
- A. Crane has been helping with questions to DPW. Monika's pothole was filled in.
- Mulch for playgrounds will be ordered in the new fiscal year (July 1-June30)
- Letter to Mayor from Mary Trimble regarding play equipment wishes in Barry St. Park
- Saturday of Service will be August 25 from 2-4pm – what activities should we plan?
- Thank you to Sandi Henschel for her many years of Parks Committee work!

Next Meeting: July 10, 7pm, at the Village Hall – 127 Main Street

<hand out Fact Sheet> We have monthly meetings from April through October with some background work done in winter. The nine volunteer committee members are each assigned a park to oversee. Our mission is to advise the Village Board and work with the DPW to help provide well-maintained parks. Two board members also attend our meetings to lend advice.

In recent years we have developed and built a new playground on South Avenue, worked with college student volunteers to beautify our parks for the past 7 years, had the first-ever professional audits of playground equipment to ensure child safety, created a color brochure with the help of Norm Frisch and added an interactive map to the Village website with the help of college students majoring in computer science. <hand out brochure, hold up audits>

Our newest playground is a prime example of a modern, inclusive playground. Wegmans donated \$20,000 to help build phase 2 of the South Avenue playground. We had many volunteers including residents and college students for this community project spanning Fall 2016 and Spring 2017.

In summer 2017, surveys were mailed to households near Corbett and Evergreen parks asking for feedback. With about a 10% response rate, we learned that users especially value safe and attractive swings. The certified playground audits done in October 2016 revealed outdated and dangerous equipment. Our DPW has removed some equipment and BISCO donated \$4800 to install a new swing set in Corbett Park last year. There will be similar swing sets installed in three other playgrounds this year (Evergreen Road, Havenwood Drive and Barry Street).

Nearby residents also had a concern for the safety of other types of equipment, especially at Evergreen. They desired safe climbers as well as merry-go-rounds for all ages similar to those in the South Avenue playground. More generally, respondents would love to have more shaded areas and improvements to accessibility. The surveys backed-up what was already in our 5-year plan. <hand out 5-year plan>

In conclusion, we have a very valuable asset to our community. Nine parks are widely distributed in our village. This can help attract homebuyers, especially families. The college's Town/Gown committee is trying to encourage more faculty to live in our village. Attractive/effective parks promote life in the village in a positive way. We need to keep up with improvements and we appreciate help in reaching our goals. Big projects ahead are:

1. Reconstruction of the Corbett Park "Heart Path" first developed by the Lions Club in 1985.
2. Reconstruction of Basketball court in Corbett (safer surface, proposed in 1/3 of tennis court).
3. Evergreen Park equipment safety upgrade.
4. Weeding and planting in Sagawa Park at the center of downtown Brockport.
5. New park signage to make the public more aware of Village parks and safe enjoyment thereof.

Corbett Heart Path reconstruction cost projection: 5/8 crusher run \$8.25 per ton, 1 ton covers 4'x6'w, 6" deep. This project would make the park more accessible to all members of the community. Total cost being developed.

Some of the costs of new equipment are: We-saw (show pictures): \$8,850 - Omni-spinner: \$6,820 - Rushwinder (slide, with climbing bars): \$4,445 - Boogie Board (balance apparatus): \$1,945 - Saddle spinner (single sit and spin): \$925 - Curved Balance Beam and (2) Log Steppers: \$685 and \$1,450