

## MINUTES

Village of Brockport Parks Committee Wednesday, May 8, 2019  
7pm – Village Hall – 127 Main Street, Brockport, NY

**Mission Statement:** *The Parks Committee of the Village of Brockport serves as an advisory committee to the Village Board and works with the Department of Public Works. Together, we aim to provide well-maintained parks and public places, and to preserve open space in our neighborhoods for maximum public enjoyment.*

Call to order: 7:03 pm

Attendance: Linda Ketchum (chair), Hanny Heyen, Chelsea Wong, Joe Blosenhauer, Barbara Blosenhauer, C.T. Oakes, Amy Guptill (secretary), John LaPierre (liaison to Village Board).

Excused: Lynda Cochran (vice-chair), Annie Crane (liaison to Village Board), Losh Spalla

Meeting Minutes: approve minutes of April 10, 2019

Barbara: Motion to approve, CT, second. Voice vote: approved

### Old Business:

- Age stickers received from Parkitects, placed in Corbett, other parks still need them
- Lilac bush trimming in Corbett Park is a low priority, DPW busy with many projects
  - Hanny: An update: Under 2018 Urban Forestry Tree Grant from the NYSDEC, we're getting money for trees (one of only 4 in the county) as well as for a pruning workshop on Saturday June 8; open to 10 citizens in addition to DPW. Time is TBA. Hanny, Joe, and C.T. all interested in going; perhaps Chelsea. Hanny will communicate with Margay as plans unfold and let us all know.
- Linda, C.T., and Hanny met with Ben Frasier of Parkitects to discuss ideas for new equipment in Barry last October.
  - Hanny: When we were there with Ben Frasier he suggested two pieces of equipment – Globe Motion climber (costs \$25,000) and Zip Krooz including accessible seat (\$9,600 for 30' with aluminum posts; 50' is about \$11,600; 66' about \$13,705). But one of the issues is always installation. We can get a price for that as well. Could have two or three ziplines side by side. Hanny will get more precise quotes for 50' and 66'. Zip Krooz looks like it would be an extremely popular amenity in the park.
  - We could think about a community build like the one we did at South Ave, but DPW would have to be there too. C.T.: This seems like the kind of equipment that we definitely want expert installation. Linda: Recall we put a teeter-totter together a bit wrong, even with the company rep there.

- John: We should also think about the site prep – depth of the mulch for example.
- Amy: And we should inquire about maintenance needs to make sure it would work with DPWs other commitments.
- Barb: Maybe we should get more newspaper coverage about each park; perhaps a local journalist would like to write that kind of thing up.
- Hanny: We have our brochures at the Welcome Center. Maybe parks should have more of a presence. Linda will ask Susan, new manager at the center, when it reopens. Hanny showed a picture of a guide that can be outside the center showing amenities of the village.
- Havenwood Drive swings progress, weather dependent

**Liaisons Reports, Budget Report:** update on Senator Ortt’s response to Corbett plan

- John: No reports. However, a note that Clarkson had a parks day – T-shirts and programs to visit the parks. Hanny: The visit-all-the-museums event was a successful event; maybe we could think of something like that for parks.
- C.T.: Many park cleanups last weekend. Earth day events.
- Linda: Senator Ortt response indicated that it’s probably a June decision. It’s not in the current budget, but usually the members get their allocation in May and then in June there are decisions. Margay resubmitted the letter. The walking trail in Corbett was communicated as a high priority
- C.T.: It’s known as the heart trail; we have to figure out which sections need rebuilding. Right now, there are no sidewalks to the new swing sets in Corbett and so those spaces are not actually ADA compliant. Vision is for 4’ wide walkway with compacted crushed stone, a method that is ADA compatible. Harry needs to develop the plan for it.
- Hanny: The letter to Senator Ortt laid out priorities, including 2500’ of new trail. See attachments in 4/10/19 park meeting minutes.

**New Business:**

- New metal sign wording – committee approved, need to send to DPW to order
  - Linda will send it to DPW to order; has the list of how many we need. John and Linda will meet with Harry, probably on a Wednesday afternoon.
- NEED HELP? – signs to go below metal signs, updated with cross-streets, same as above
  - Linda updated the cross-streets that we discussed last month. Will print and email to Harry.
- Lyme Disease warning signs – C.T. found the NYS site, sent to DPW, came in May 1!
  - Now posted in the parks!

- What question do we have for DPW Superintendent, Harry Donahue?
  - Just signs
- Most Spring surveys collected, will compile after all are handed in
  - Only Barry needed (from Losh); waiting for Evergreen renovations to be complete; have a list of items compiled from the reports
- Save the date for Saturday of Service: August 24, 2019, Corbett Park
- What is the number one priority for improvement in Corbett Park, budget to be used?
  - Definitely the path
- C. T. took pictures of Evergreen April 16 and spoke with a Canal Crew supervisor; they will repair the damage, reseed, and mow twice before repairs are complete.
- C. T. met Brian VanBuren (who does playground builds for Parkitects and the company that put in Corbett play equipment) at Corbett April 24, he will help find replacement parts for the play structure. They also noticed problems with chain ladder; pictures were sent to Harry Donahue.
- C. T. and Brian VanBuren also discussed salvaging the tennis courts. His company can repair the cracks and low spots. They do this work a lot and can provide a quote.
  - Linda: It's a safety concern, in part because of the leaves and silt that settle in the low spots and create slip hazards.
  - CT: Would like someone to contact Parkitects guy and double-check the claim about resurfacing. Linda will do that.
- Continuing: have DPW fill burn holes in the slides with Bondo, carved in graffiti can be smoothed with a small grinder and use propane torch to smooth and restore the color.
  - Add to meeting discussion with Harry; obscene graffiti and some dangerous holes in the slide.
- Jim Bareis submitted a form to transfer a memorial rose bush from a garden square on Market Street to Sagawa Park. Jim also wanted a plaque; Linda suggested a rock with a plaque like in Harvester. Hanny moves to approve; Chelsea seconds. Voice vote: passed.
- Porta-potties going into Corbett and Monika's at the beginning of summer; removed at the end of summer.
- Hanny: Clean Sweep rescheduled from April 27 (because of the weather); College students did a presentation on the living things in the pond and they were excellent. In addition, there was a Hill School Green Team. Took place Sunday May 5. Maybe we can be in touch with that.

### Adjourned:

Move to adjourn by Amy. Second by C.T., voice vote: approved. Adjourned 8:02 pm.

Next Meeting: June 12, 2019, 7pm, at the Village Hall – 127 Main Street

Other dates for 2019: July 10, Aug 14, Sep 11, Oct 9