

Parks Committee Meeting 3/18/14 4:30pm Village Hall

Attendance: P. Ketchum, H. Heyen., S. Henschel, A. Butler, L. Ketchum (guest: S. Smith)

1. It was decided amongst those in attendance that due to A. Perry's resignation we would have interim co-chairs until a vote could be conducted with all members present. H. Heyen and L. Ketchum volunteered to co-chair for the time being. S. Henschel volunteered to be the recording secretary.
2. Discussion about the best day to hold a monthly meeting resulted in the decision to have the room reserved the first Tuesday of each month at 4:30pm. H. Heyen will ask Leslie Morelli if this is a good day. (Update: We will be meeting the first Tuesday at 4:30 each month. First meeting is April 1st!)
3. Prioritizing projects was the second item on the agenda. Number one on the list is the proposal in lieu of the \$10,000 fence project in Corbett Park. The chain link fence has 10K encumbered this year for half the fence. Then another 10K next year. P. Ketchum has suggested a living fence instead. This would save money and be more beautiful. The existing fence would be straightened up. Weeds and trees growing through the fence would be cleaned up. We could work with the DPW and Tree Board in determining the best plan of action. (Update: H. Heyen did a survey with Rick Lair on 3/21/14. Discussion at the Tree Board meeting later the same evening on 3/18/14 resulted in suggestions for plantings and a deadline for our proposal to the mayor of May 1st.)
4. Other projects are: Signage, Splash Park, Dog Park, South Avenue play equipment, Naming Rights, and Living tribute to Andrea Perry.
5. We are looking for two new members. S. Henschel stated that she is very busy with the Food Shelf and wants to participate in the Parks Committee, but not be a member once her term is up in June. L. Ketchum has a friend who submitted a "Position of Interest" form already. She is very interested in parks, uses the parks and gardens at her home. She also has a masters degree in Environmental Science. H. Heyen has a friend who is also interested, but needs to fill out a form.
6. P. Ketchum will continue to look into funding for playground equipment for the South Ave. Park. Grants and Service Organizations will be her main focus. H. Heyen will be attending the Tree Board meeting later tonight where she will ask about surveying the Corbett Park fence and about trees that could be part of a living fence. L. Ketchum will type up notes from today's meeting, but S. Henschel will be recording secretary from now on.