

JERICO UNDERHILL PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES
11/5/2020

Board Members Present: Bruce Blokland, Tom Cota, Dan Lerner, Jim Massingham, Donna Pratt,
Livy Strong, Dave, Williamson

Guests:

In the spirit of precautions recently announced by the federal and state government in regard to the Corona virus, this meeting was conducted by Zoom. JUPD social media outlined the ways in which interested public could hear and participate in the meeting by on-line connection.

1. Livy called the meeting to order via Zoom at 7:00.
2. Public comment: No public comment.
3. Review of minutes: Dave moved to approve the October 15 minutes with corrections. Dan seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

4. Financial Report

- a. We reviewed the report of the Treasurer submitted by Donna:

Union Bank Checking	\$4,191
Union Bank Muni Checking	\$25,719
NEFCU Power savings	<u>\$92,007</u>
Total checking/saving	\$121,917

NEFCU accounts

Unrestricted	\$30,600
Capital projects	\$0
Bridge	\$83,843
Trails	\$0
Ponds	\$0

- b. Jim moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Livy seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

5. Park Management

- a. Donna will register the park for 'No Hunting.'
- b. Jim will get a new COVID sign printed and placed near the covered bridge.
- c. Beaver damage continues.
 - (1) Livy reminded board members to review the document that she previously emailed to each board member.
 - (2) The options seem to be:
 - (a) Do nothing. If we do nothing it is likely that most of the trees near the river will be destroyed and the stream will eventually be dammed forcing the river to find new pathways. It is also likely that the beavers will eventually start to destroy trees around the pond.
 - (b) Fence off every tree that we want to keep. This option is documented to work pretty well but, in our case, there are hundreds of trees to be fenced. We would

also need to fence the pond eventually. We will have to investigate the estimated costs and time needed to do the work.

(c) Allow a trapper to get rid of the beavers. This might be a short term solution.

(d) Board members are urged to visit the area at 9:00 on Sat so we all understand the problem and some solutions.

d. Jobs list: Donna shared the current job list.

(1) One of the dog waste receptacles needs repair. Tom volunteered.

(2) Donna suggested replacing the trail directional signs soon. Donna moved to spend up to \$100 to buy diamond trail markers. Tom seconded. Motion approved unanimously. Donna will buy them.

e. Preparation for Winter

(1) We will clean up and stack picnic tables on Nov. 7 (9:00). This is a change from the date previously discussed.

f. Bridge update: Bruce updated the board on progress of the subcommittee.

(1) The subcommittee reviewed documents regarding previous repairs to the bridge including the deck renewal in 2012.

(2) The Blow and Cote estimate of \$80,000 appears very low. They recommend adding 10% each year. The B&C estimate appears to not include the cost of the temporary bridge.

(4) The subcommittee is looking at the design process.

(a) Everyone we have talked to recommends we have solid design before we go to bid. The subcommittee is hoping to work with Engineering Ventures of South Burlington. There will be a charge for their work.

(b) Donna moved to spend up to \$2,000 to hire Engineering Ventures to conduct a site visit and make recommendations regarding improvements and plans for the bridge rebuild. Tom seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

g. People count for October 389 people per day.

6. Events

a. Cross country meets went well

b. Soccer has ended for the season. Dave will ask Emmit Manning to move the goals to the side for the winter.

7. Publicity

a. Public hearing for budget is Nov. 19 @ 7:00. It will be done by Zoom. The Annual Meeting is Jan. 21 @ 7:00.

b. Annual report will be forwarded to Jericho and Underhill for publication in each town report.

c. The board is concerned about the free meeting service provided by Zoom which cuts out after 40 minutes. This service interruption can be alleviated by purchasing a better level of service. Livy moved to spend up to \$150 for an annual subscription upgrade to Zoom Pro. Donna seconded. Motion approved unanimously. Donna will follow up.

7. Other business

a. Board terms expiring March 2021 for Jericho: Donna & Dan, Underhill: Jim.

8. Dave moved to adjourn. Tom seconded. Motion approved by all. Meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.