

JERICO UNDERHILL PARK DISTRICT  
**MINUTES**  
**1/21/2021**

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

Board Members Absent:

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 7:018.
2. Public comment: No public comment
3. Review of minutes: Tom moved to approve the minutes from January 7, 2021. Bruce seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
4. Park Management
  - a. Dave reported on several beaver damaged trees that have fallen along the river that need cutting for safety reasons. Neil has not responded to Dave's emails. Dave will continue to work on the problem.
  - b. Bruce gave an update from the covered bridge sub-committee. The committee is waiting for a report by Engineering Ventures.
  - c. Dave gave a beaver sub-committee update. They are contacting other parks in the area to determine what they are doing about beavers. Dave is hoping to produce a report to the board soon.
  - d. At the last meeting there was a request by a community member to allow off-leash dogs on upper trails during limited hours:
    - (1) There was a good deal of concern about extending the off-leash dog area: dogs being under control of their owners, off-leash dogs may interfere with wildlife in protected areas, board members receive many complaints regarding off-leash dogs and extending off-leash areas will make monitoring the situation and enforcing the rule even more difficult.
    - (2) Donna moved to allow off-leash dogs on the upper trails for 2 hours per day. Dan seconded. There were no yes votes. The motion failed unanimously.
  - e. Livy reported that there have been requests for camping reservations at the Pavilion and Eagles Meadows by individuals:
    - (1) The board reviewed the current guidelines. These areas are available for camping by organized groups only
  - f. Spring sports:
    - (1) Sports groups are planning for spring activities. The board is concerned about permitting spring sports given current COVID-19 restrictions.
    - (2) Presently, we have no plans to replace the port-o-lets given COVID restrictions.
  - g. Mowing bids:
    - (1) Livy will get the bid documents out. Dan will post to the website.
    - (2) There was a request by a community member to require the successful bidder to use electric equipment to reduce pollution. Board members knew of no local mowing companies that use electric mowers and tractors. No action taken.
  - h. The Jobs List has been updated:
    - (1) Holiday decorations have been removed,
    - (2) Jim will replace the battery on the people counter,
    - (3) Tom will continue replacing the No Hunting signs when the weather improves,
    - (4) Dave suggested the addition of a spring inspection of picnic tables and the gazebo.
5. Events/Publicity
  - a. Livy has started work on the summer concert schedule. She already has a band for July 21. We will host concerts on each Wednesday of July and the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of August.

6. Other business

- a. The Conflict of Interest Agreement is posted on the legal documents section of the website. Board members should read this document. We will determine how board members will sign it given meeting restrictions'
- b. Election of officers will be at the next meeting.

7. Tom moved to adjourn. Livy seconded. Motion approved by all. Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Massingham, Sec.