

Jericho Underhill Park. District
MINUTES
8/18/21

Board members present: Bruce Blokland, Dan Lerner, Jim Massingham, Donna Pratt, Livy Strong

Board members absent: Dave Williamson

Guests: Chantal OConnor

1. Dave called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Public comment: Chantal wants to host a lemonade stand in honor of her niece who recently passed away. She would like to give away lemonade and cookies on August 26.. Any donations would be gifted to the Humane Society.
3. Review of minutes
 - A. Bruce moved to approve the corrected 8/5/21 minutes. Jim moved to approve. Dan seconded. Motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.
4. Park Management(1)
 - A. Report of Bridge reconstruct ion committee
 - (1) Phase 2 Bid (Relocation of temporary bridge). Blow & Cote was the only bid. They bid \$86,450. Most board members felt that this cost would be too much to handle. Donna reported that it is unclear if Jericho or the State of Vermont owns the bridge. Bruce moved to decline the Phase 2 bid by B&C. Dan seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
 - (2) Bridge update - Livy reported that Nathan Cote offered to set up a very temporary bridge in lieu of the concrete/steel bridge. This would only be available during deconstruction of the bridge. B&C could also build a more permanent bridge that would be available for the duration of the project.
 - (3) Jim moved the to suspend JUPD bid policy so that the Bridge Reconstruction Committee has the authority to award a contract to build a temporary bridge to be used when deconstruction (Phase 2) occurs this fall. Donna seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
 - (4) Jim moved to authorize the Bridge Reconstruction Committee to move forward with a bond vote at Town Meeting 2022 to fund rebuilding the covered bridge. Livy seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
 - (5). Donna reported that an audit will be necessary before we apply for funds from the VT Bond Bank. Jim moved that the treasurer arrange for a three year audit of JUPD financial records. Bruce seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
 - B. Trails update

- (1) Bruce met with Josh Ryan to discuss trail development. They walked the Field Stone West Loop to help determine how to move ahead with trail renovations. Josh mentioned that his company is not taking on small projects at this time.
 - (2) There are many questions regarding the use of big trucks to haul materials to the trails. Since we still do not know the resolution to the Charron property gift entry by trucks is still up to approval by the Charron family.
 - (3) An important pressing question is “Do we want to commit to a project with Timber and Stone?” A second question. is “Can we use the Charron entrance for construction vehicles?”
- C. Beaver/pond update
- (1). Dave and Dan are planning to paint trees. They have already caged 8 trees.
- D. Intervale Conservation Nursery and riparian zone
- (1). Livy is investigating solutions to the erosion issues we have near the Browns River. She will get back to us with additional information.
- E. Snow plow bid should go out in Sept.
- F. Electronic assisted bikes may becoming an issue on park trails. They are already being used by park visitors. Livy suggests that the topic needs further discussion and perhaps a policy. Bruce shared information from the National Park Service.
- G. Storm damage
- (1) Livy reported on recent storm damage. Several trees have fallen across trails are hanging over trails and need removal.
 - (2) Jim moved to give the chair, in consultation with the treasurer, authority to spend up to \$2,000 to make emergency repairs or other essential work to remedy safety concerns. Bruce seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
- H. Cash policy
- (1) Dan discussed questions regarding collection and deposit of donations at concerts
 - (2) Further discussion is needed and this topic will be added to a future agenda.
 - (3) Donna asked that all board members read the Treasurers Document on Google Drive
5. Board vacancy: No news
6. Events
- A. Soccer will be starting shortly.
7. Charron property update
- A. Jericho Land Trust is working on purchase of the meadow.
 - B. Lee Charron is still working with the DRB for approval.
8. Other business
- A. FY23 Budget will be discussed at our next meeting
 - B. Donna will forward preliminary documents
9. Jim moved to adjourn. Dave seconded. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:37.
Respectfully submitted, Jim Massingham, Sec.