

Jericho Underhill Park District  
MINUTES  
11/16/22

Board members present: Bruce Blokland, Jim Massingham, Donna Pratt, Chris Tardie & Dave Williamson

Board members absent: Amber Renshaw, Livy Strong

Guests: Peter Duvall

1. Dave called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m.
2. Public comment: Peter Duvall had several comments in regard to the budget and the bridge.  
See below
3. Review of minutes
  - A. Minutes were reviewed. Donna moved to approve the 11/2/22 minutes. Dave seconded. Motion approved unanimously
4. Donna presented an overview of the FY 23/24 budget of \$146,296
  - A. She reviewed a written summary of issues that influenced the budget
  - B. The Jericho portion of the assessment increase will be \$37,677 and Underhill \$23,106
  - C. Peter asked about the plans for the bridge. Bruce summarized the factors that led to the decision not to put the top back on the bridge. The overriding issue to this decision was the cost of repairing the abutments, decking and replacing the bridge cover
  - D. Peter questioned the need to allow any vehicles when that area is prepared for vehicles in the future. He stressed that maintenance vehicles could use the south entrance in the near future
  - E. Peter also stressed the need to embrace New Urbanism and Strong Towns planning that make the case that public organizations should not rely on grants to fund the park. He feels that the board should budget for necessary repairs, maintenance and development
5. Park management
  - A. Opening of bids to upgrade the Fieldstone West Trail
    - (1) Rabbit Track Trail Works bid was \$49,525.50
    - (2) Summit Contracting Company bid \$58,000
    - (3) E & S Electric bid \$57,780.40
    - (4) The bids were briefly reviewed. Bruce will copy each bid and distribute to board members for further review. The bid will be awarded at the next meeting
  - B. ARPA request for financial assistance for parking and driveway improvement
    - (1) No response from either town as this point
  - C. Dog waste management in Livy's absence working as planned
  - C. Fall brush hogging has been completed

D. Fall chores

- (1) Picnic tables have been stacked and secured for the winter

6. Publicity

- A. Livy will be writing bridge update for the public
- B. Chris is waiting for website training

7. Review of management plan

- A. Several sections of the management plan were reviewed and updated
- B. The board should finish the initial review at the next meeting

8. Other business

- A. Jim presented information from the bylaws that specifies how the allocation from each town is set. Further discussion will be planned for the next meeting
- B. Chris discussed the requirements for No Hunting posting. Our current signs do not meet the legal requirements

9. Jim moved to adjourn. Donna seconded. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:27

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Massingham

