

Jericho Underhill Park District
MINUTES
2/15/23

Board members present: Jim Massingham, Donna Pratt, Livy Strong, & Dave Williamson

Board members absent: Bruce Blockland, Chris Tardie

Guests: Kim Spaulding, Aaron Smith & Mark Williams by phone

1. Livy called the meeting to order at 6:57 p.m.
2. Public comment: Aaron and Mark represent S&D landscaping. They attended the meeting at Dave's invitation to discuss their field care proposals. Their comments follow.
 - A. The athletic fields have been neglected for several years. There are quite a few low and bare areas. It will take years of intense care to get them back in good shape
 - B. The highest priorities are aeration and occasional seeding. Fertilization is a lower priority
 - C. Grub/weed control are very important and intended to get rid of things that prevent grass from thriving and spreading. The proposed products have been thoroughly tested and meet all government requirements. They are completely safe for participants as well as the pond and river
 - D. Overseeding will be important after aeration
 - E. There was general feeling that we should move forward with some level of care. Board members are not yet in agreement about the level of commitment. We are leaning toward 3-4 step program of turf fertilization, weed and grub control plus some level of aeration
 - F. Dave moved to commit to S&D for the recommended four step Turf Weed/Grub control process for a sum not to exceed \$14,694.96. We further agreed to strongly consider overseeding and aeration of the lower field in the Fall. Jim seconded. Motion approved unanimously
3. Review of minutes
 - A. Minutes were reviewed. Dave moved to approve the 1/4/23 minutes. Livy seconded. Motion approved unanimously
4. Park management
 - A. Reservation forms discussion tabled. Donna shared the work she did to update these forms
 - B. No trail grant update
 - C. No update on people counter
 - D. Mowing bid
 - (1) Livy sent a bid draft for board members to review. Jim will add language that encourages more frequent mowing during peak growing weeks and allow less frequent mowing during very hot/dry weeks. Livy will post when changes made
 - E. New bridge sign

(1) VLCT (MRP insurance provider) has done an annual safety audit. They will require new signage to further discourage vehicles from crossing the bridge. Livy will order a sign that says “authorized vehicles only” for the bridge entry

5. Events

A. Boy Scout Klondike will be held to the park on Derby Feb 18. It will be open to about 85 scouts from many local troops

6. Publicity

A. No news on website

7. Livy nominated Kim Spaulding to fill the vacant board seat for Underhill. Dave seconded. Motion approved unanimously. Livy will schedule a meeting with the Underhill Selectboard

8. Review Draft 2 of Management Plan

A. Livy sent new language to be inserted in Draft 3 for the next meeting

9. No other business

10. Jim moved to adjourn. Livy seconded. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:37.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Massingham

