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Jericho Underhill Park District  
MEETING MINUTES  
03/06/2024

Board members present: Bruce Blokland, Donna Pratt, Kim Spaulding, Livy Strong, Chris Tardie & Dave Williamson

Board members absent: Donna Pratt

Guests: Xavier Richardson and Honalee Jones, Boy Scout representatives

1. Livy called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
2. Boy Scout Troop 620 Eagle Scout candidate Xavier Richardson presented his Eagle Scout project plan, and asked that the board approve it. Project: a) design and build and install three pressure-treated picnic tables for Eagles Meadow. b) repaint the Wilderness Area sign at the top of the main Connector Trail with the same brown and white paint colors as currently exist. Project expected to be completed in May and no later than June 2024. Board approved and asked Xavier to move forward on this project.
3. **Public comment.** No public comment
4. **Review of minutes.** Chris noted that the date scheduled to visit the Jericho Select Board to discuss animal control options for MRP should be 3/21/24. Dave moved to approve the minutes as amended. Chris seconded. Motion approved unanimously
4. **Financial Report** – No financial report given
5. **Park Management**
  - A. Livy talked to Mike Stromme, our grounds mowing service, and he has now invoiced MRP for all of his previously un-invoiced work from July 2022 through 2023. MRP paid \$16,335 to Stromme.
  - B. 2024 MRP grounds mowing bid is being prepared by Livy. Chris presented a spreadsheet outlining all components of the mowing bid and suggested that we mandate bidders to use it when responding to the bid, to make comparing the bids easier. The board also decided to be specific on mowing-height on the playing fields, to eliminate “as needed” verbiage in the bid.

- C. Dave has talked to Lance, our playing fields service about plans for aeration, fertilization and PH analysis this season. We would like to spread out these treatments over the 2024 and 2025 budget years. Dave will follow up with Lance.
- D. Bruce reported on progress drafting the culvert bid to replace two culverts in 2024. Nearly complete, and the plan is to post in the next week.
- E. Dave will set up the mud season signs at MRP. We will also post the mud season trail restrictions on our website, on FB and on FPF.
- F. People counter for February: 98 visits per day.
- G. Dog issues update: Chris and Kim will attend the Jericho Selectboard meeting on 3/21 to discuss the park's concerns with visitors' continuing disregard for our leash rules, and our desire to enforce our rules utilizing the town Animal Control Officer.

6. **Publicity**

We have a board vacancy for Underhill. Jim Massingham has resigned after 10+ years of service to MRP. Livi to announce the vacancy on FB and FPF.

7. **Other business**

- A. Eclipse April 8<sup>th</sup>. We plan to cordon off the front field and restrict it from parking on this day in order to protect the grass and the newly seeded section. Overflow parking could find space at nearby BRMS. Chris suggested having a towing service visible and available.
- B. Progressing with the Vendor policy. Draft 2 to be reviewed next meeting.

8. **Adjournment**

Livi moved to adjourn. Dave seconded. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bruce Blokland