

Jericho Underhill Park District

MEETING MINUTES

05/01/2024

Board members present: Kim Spaulding, Livy Strong, Chris Tardie, Dave Williamson

Board members absent: Bruce Blokland, Donna Pratt

Guests present: Paula VanDeventer

Livy called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Public comment: No public comment

Review of minutes. Dave will amend the minutes re: people counter battery change

Dave motioned to approve the minutes. Chris 2nd. Motion approved

PARK MANAGEMENT

1. Culvert Bids: Bids opened and reviewed. Based on a history of parks projects completed and being the lowest bid, motion made for Terrain Tek to be awarded the culvert work. Livy moved to accept Terrain Tek's bid of \$8,000. Dave 2nd. Motion approved
2. Trail work update: Bruce absent, no update at present. Will have to wait until after Memorial Day for more trail work.
3. Parking Lot Update: Chris reports that waiting for ground to firm up. Lid is ready and waiting. Work will be done next week or the week after. New Posts will be delivered by Chris Tardie.
4. Pond update: Chris reports that detritus is blocking the pipe. Unable to pass a camera down the pipe. At risk of the pipe collapsing and forming a sink hole. Would like to build a cage /box/filter to prevent further blockage. Also, would like to budget in for next fiscal year an enzyme treatment for the pond. Will discuss at next meeting. Livy made a motion not to exceed \$200 to build a filter/screen for pipe from pond to river. Dave 2nd. Motion passed
5. Settlement pond: Silt up to top of face plate, needs to be fixed. \$2,200. Already has been approved. Big Red has viewed, has verbally said less than \$1,000. This would not be a bid project because of price and urgency of project. Livy motioned to approve Big red to remove silt from settlement pond for \$1200. Estimate. Dave 2nd. Motion approved.
6. Picnic tables: will need to move at some point. This weekend is too busy.
7. Lawn care: Dave reports that Fournier Landscaping applied a course of lime and fertilizer to upper and lower fields.
8. Dog task force meeting report: on 4/24/2024 . Livy reported on the meeting. Present: ACO from both Underhill and Jericho (olivia and Jennifer) underhill selectboard Patty Richard, JUPD – Chris, Livy, Kim, Paula. Discussed putting signs at entrance, off leash area. Get information out to public: FB, FPF, Mountain Gazette. Will do information period, and a three month trial: June, July August. During this time ACO's will respond to park. Increased presence and information about dog/owner

behavior. Currently have lack of consistent signage due to the differing age of park signs. Needs to be consistent in verbiage and ordinance. Will not change permanent signs just yet until after the trial period. Chris volunteered to work on laminated signs and wording on public information updates. Event day discussed.

9. MMU work day: 5/3/2024 from 1000-1300. Two groups. Trail work and landscaping, 25 bags of compost + mulch. Livy and Kim will assist.
10. Geocache: trail work accomplished! Looks great! Huge improvement and help with the trails.
11. Friends of Nature: 05/18/2024. Bernie will meet with with Livy. Focus on Japanese Honey suckle.
12. Roof repair: shingles off on pavilion. Chris will work on roof, with assist from others. Will work on this spring/summer.
13. Bridge update: will talk with Todd and Cricket re: recommendations for the bridge. Water still running high.
14. People counter: ? not working? ... batteries vs laser pointer? Zeroed this AM. Chris will check and possibly use a laser in order to line up.
15. EV question: Val has reserved the pavilion for Burlington dancers on 5 Sunday afternoons this summer. Would like to bring his EV vehicle across the bridge as a power source. There is power at the pavilion. Will reduce charge to \$15 for use fee for all 5 visits. Will not encourage/allow cars to cross the bridge. Livy will contact Val and advise.
16. Events: Lots of schools in the area want to use the park. Some schools voiced surprise about charging for portolets. .. 50 people or greater. An invoice is available for the schools. Schools need to have the forms submitted for the dates to be officially reserved.
17. Trout release : no date yet
18. Soccer started : Busy! Parking has been appropriate. Dave and Chris' stakes have helped keep people off the lawn.
19. Mowing: Mike will mow to keep lawn short for soccer.
20. Underhill Selectboard: 05/09/2024. Paula and Livy will attend. Paula to be appointed to the Board.
21. Vandalism: Not a frequent occurrence. Spray paint on Kiosk. Bob,(Donna's husband) cleaned up. Thank You!
22. Paula presented the Project Portfolio in order to track projects. Spread sheet for projects: in progress,/complete/on hold..can update every meeting.
23. Paula presentation: Brainstorm rules... roles and responsibility of board members. Need everyone's user story. Statement of need. Need an hour for brainstorming. Will do next meeting.
24. Dave made a motion to adjourn at 2040 . Livy 2nd.