

JERICO UNDERHILL PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES
11/19/2020

Board Members Present: Bruce Blokland, Tom Cota, Dan Lerner, Jim Massingham, Donna Pratt,
Dave, Williamson

Board Members Absent: Livy Strong

Guests:

In the spirit of precautions recently announced by the federal and state government in regard to the Corona virus, this meeting was conducted by Zoom. JUPD social media outlined the ways in which interested public could hear and participate in the meeting by on-line connection.

1. Dave called the meeting to order via Zoom at 7:08.
2. Public comment: No public comment.
3. Review of minutes: Tom moved to approve the November 5 minutes. Donna seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
4. Park Management
 - a. Jim reported that the COVID sign has been ordered. New sign will be posted as soon as it arrives.
 - b. Donna reported that No Hunting signs have been delivered. Tom also purchased signs. It was not clear that there was board approval for Tom's sign purchase. Donna moved to reimburse Tom \$73.96 for No Hunting signs. Dan seconded. Motion approved unanimously. Tom has started posting them around the perimeter.
 - c. No Hunting registration is complete at Underhill. Jericho is pending.
 - d. Picnic table winter storage has been completed.
 - e. Poop receptacle repair was completed by Tom.
 - f. Little bridge has been stabilized by Bruce.
 - g. Brush hogging has been finished.
 - h. Beaver damage along the Browns River remains an issue.
 - (1) The damage to trees is continuing. The beavers are very busy.
 - (2) Livy has spoken to Fish and Wildlife and was told to get rid of them. They did not offer assistance.
 - (3) The board discussed options and the challenges/problems associated with taking no action. Tom is very concerned that the beavers, when they destroy the trees near the river, will move to the pond destroying fish habitat. Dan urged the board to research and discuss all options. Jim expressed concern with giardia flowing downstream to the areas where children swim.
 - (4) Tom moved to call someone to remove the beavers. Bruce seconded. Dave called the vote: Bruce Blokland-yes, Tom Cota-yes, Dan Lerner-no, Jim Massingham-no, Donna Pratt-yes, Dave Williamson-yes. Motion approved. Tom will follow up.
 - (5) Dave moved to establish a sub-committee of board members to better understand our options and make science based recommendations for future actions. Tom seconded.

Motion approved unanimously. Dave, Donna and Dan volunteered. The committee will meet as soon as possible.

j. Job list

- (1) Trail mileage will be added to maps by Dan.
- (2) Tom will continue posting No Hunting signs after deer season ends.

5. Events

- a. Soccer goals stored for winter. Nets have been removed.
- b. Deposit for the rugby clinic was sent back.
- c. Donna moved that the rental of the pavilion and Eagles Meadows should align with the governor's most recent executive order. Bruce seconded. Motion approved unanimously. This means that pavilion and meadow rental will not be available for the time being.

6. Publicity

- a. Remote board meetings are currently ended by Zoom at 40 minutes. Zoom Pro purchase will happen tomorrow. This will allow board meetings and committee meeting to function without interruption. Donna will take care of it.
- b. Livy will write the Annual Report for publication in March.

7. Jim moved to adjourn. Dan seconded. Motion approved by all. Meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Massingham, Sec.