

Jericho Underhill Park. District
MINUTES
10/20/21

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

Board members absent: Livy Strong

Guests:

1. Dave called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
2. Dan Lerner has resigned his position on the board. We now have two open positions
3. Public comment: No public comment
4. Review of minutes
 - A. Sec. Massingham found two typos. He suggested we wait until the next meeting to approve the minutes
5. Park management
 - A. Bridge update
 - (1) Bruce reminded us that Nathan Cote has received the certified drawings of the railings from EV
 - (2) B&C will be doing the bridge roof and super structure removal at the beginning of November. Nathan Cote will give Bruce a heads up when he knows a date. Bruce will announce on Front Porch Forum. Donna will post to websites
 - B. Pond/beaver issue
 - (1) Dave reported that the sand paint has not worked. The beaver chewed right through it.
 - (2) Dave reminded the board of all the work that has been done to protect trees from the beaver. Dan and Dave created wire mesh collars for some (8-10) trees. They also sand painted 3 large groups of trees (likely 2 dozen trees). The beaver damage has continued. Many of the saplings around the pond have been destroyed. It seems this experiment has failed.
 - (3) Dave recommended that we contact Brian Chipman to rid us of the beaver.
 - (4) Seeing that mitigation efforts have failed and damage is continuing, Donna moved to contact Brian Chipman to remove the beaver. Bruce seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
 - C. Trails grant update
 - (1) Donna had no news
 - D. October jobs
 - (1) Bruce, Dave and Donna have done quite a bit to prepare the park for winter. There is not a great need to do more right now. A fall work day was not scheduled
 - (2) Dog waste will be taken care of by board members during Livy's absence
 - (3) We discussed the need for port-o-lets this late in the season. We will decide when to discontinue on 11/3
 - (4) We need to have overgrown areas brush hogged before snow. We will decide when to have them removed on 11/3
 - (5) Publicity: website updates going forward without Danis a challenge that we will need to address soon
6. Other business
 - A. Carolyn Gould has asked JUPD to co-sponsor an event that publicizes Gary Irish's new book on the history of Jericho. We informally agreed to table the question until a future meeting. Donna will follow up
7. Jim moved to adjourn. Dave seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:13

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Massingham, Sec.

