

JERICO UNDERHILL PARK DISTRICT  
**MINUTES**  
**2/4/2021**

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

Board Members Absent:

Guests: Marlene Cummings, Kirk Peterson

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. Livy called the meeting to order via Zoom at 7:05.
2. Public comment: No public comment.
3. Review of minutes: Dave moved to approve the minutes from the Annual Meeting and January 21, 2021. Tom seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

4. Financial Report

- a. Donna gave the financial report:

Union Bank Checking	\$4,191
Union Bank Muni Checking	\$38,539
NEFCU Power savings	<u>\$92,165</u>
Total checking/saving	\$140,136

NEFCU accounts

Unrestricted	\$30,283
Capital projects	\$0
Bridge	\$61,843
Trails	\$0
Ponds	\$0

- b. Gauthiers rate has increased. Livy will check with them to determine if a smaller container would suffice.  
c. Tom moved to approve the Treas report. Dave seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

5. Park Management

- a. Request by a citizen to revisit the vote of January 7 on off-leash dog use of upper trails:
- (1) Marlene Cummings reminded the board that her request was for Mon-Fri and only 2 hours per day. Her request is for very few hours and at times when there is very little use of the upper trails,
  - (2) Dave is still concerned that many dog owners cannot control their their dog by voice command,
  - (3) Livy reminded us that board members and the board receive many complaints concerning off-leash dogs.
- b. Request by a citizen to support sculptures at MRP. Kirk Peterson recommended that art be added to the park similiar to Maine Botanical Garden. He is suggesting a long range plan for 15-20 sculptures that would require no maintenance and no park funding. The sculptures would likely be large. Kirk will discuss the idea with local artists and get back to the board.
- c. Bruce gave an update from the Covered Bridge Renovation sub-committee:
- (1) The committee has met with Engineering Ventures (EV) to further define the scope of their work.. They have provided an initial report which will be refined and ready for distribution within a couple weeks. They will review current superstructure conditions, inspect footings, and confirm current deck conditions. Construction specifications will be produced by March. They will also provide site work and construction documents for the temporary bridge.
  - (2) The committee will likely bring further requests for funding of the engineering work.
  - (3) EV reports concern that there has been some degradation of the abutments.
- d. Dave has contacted Neil Villeneuve about the downed tree along closed path near the river.

- e. Livy reported that there were 11,128 visitors to the park in January. This equals 185 per day.
- f. Donna gave a Jobs List update
  - (1) Jim Dudley has volunteered to have the elm trees pruned.

6. Events

- a. Spring sports
  - (1) Boys soccer is planning on a spring schedule. Lacrosse may also request field use this spring . No requests/payments for field use have been received.
  - (2) Summer soccer camp is still a possibility.
  - (3) Eric Barker has offered to groom Nordic ski tails for the cost of about \$100 per week. This would be an unbudgeted expense. No action was taken.
- b. Summer concert series
  - (1) Bands have been booked for all five Wednesdays.
  - (2) We still may need to cancel the summer concert series due to COVID restrictions.

7. Publicity:

- a. Mowing bids will be opened at the next meeting.

8. Other business

- a. Livy received a draft purchase and sale agreement for the meadow that is part of the Charron property. It is proposed that the Jericho Underhill Land Trust purchase the land for \$200,000. It will contain an easement for an entrance to the park to be used for emergency and maintenance only.
- b. Election of officers
  - (1) Livy moved to elect the slate of officers consisting of Livy Strong (Chair), Dave Williamson (Vice-Chair), Donna Pratt (Treasurer) and Jim Massingham (Secretary). Tom seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

9. Donna moved to adjourn. Dave seconded. Motion approved by all. Meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Massingham, Sec.