

JERICO UNDERHILL PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES
4/1/2021

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

Board Members Absent:

Guests: Paul Hansen (EcoPixel)

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 7:01.
2. Public comment:
 - a. Paul Hansen discussed the JUPD/MRP website that he has developed and maintained for 8 years. 60% of users access the website by cell phone and it doesn't work well. It is not ADA compliant. Many improvement should be made to assist people with specific handicaps. It is becoming more and more difficult to do the annual upgrade He will send an updated upgrade proposal.
3. Review of minutes: Dave moved to approve the minutes from March 18, 2021, as amended. Bruce seconded. Motion approved with one abstention.

4. Donna gave the Treasurer's report:

		Union Bank Checking	
\$4,191			
		Union Bank Muni Checking	\$44,123
NEFCU Power savings	<u>\$92,225</u>		
Total checking/saving	\$140,589		
NEFCU accounts			
Unrestricted	\$30,382		
Capital projects	\$0		
Bridge	\$61,843		
Trails	\$0		
Ponds	\$0		

- a. Jim moved to approve the treasurers report. Livy seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
5. Park Management
- a. Bridge sub-committee update: Donna discussed estimated costs and potential funding:
 - (1) Donna discussed grant possibilities that she and Livy have applied for.
 - (2) Jim reported on challenges with August time line.
 - (a) According to VLCT, we need to use a bond to borrow funds for this repair
 - (b) According to Paul Giuliani, Esq., to borrow funds through the VT Bond Bank we need:
 1. Board approval of a resolution that includes the amount to be borrowed
 2. Set date for special election by Australian ballot in each town, votes to be commingled and counted
 3. Public announcement of vote must be set 60 days prior to election
 4. At least 1 public information meeting
 5. Paper ballots must be printed and delivered. Absentee ballots must be provided in advance of election.
 - (c) After funding is secured, bid documents will be written, announced and waiting period provided in order to hire contractor.
 - (d) Special election has a number of challenges plus additional hurdles due to COVID-19 if conducted other than Town Meeting 2022

(e) Jim moved to authorize the Covered Bridge Reconstruction Subcommittee to split the bridge repair project into two parts. Part one is to tear down and remove the superstructure including the roof and sidewalls. Part one also includes building handrails for safety. Part two is to replace the abutments and rebuild a new superstructure. Tom seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

(f) Jim moved to authorize the Covered Bridge Reconstruction Subcommittee to move forward with Part One of the project with the goal of having the superstructure removed and handrails installed before the end of 2021. Tom seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

b. Park Work Day (April 3 at 9:00-11:00).

(1) Postponed until April 10 due to wet conditions

(2) Livy and Dave will straighten out picnic tables tomorrow at 9:00

c. Driveway grading

(1) The driveway is in very bad shape

(2) Livy moved to spend up to \$1,500 to hire Chris Wells to fill pot holes and regrade driveway and parking areas. Dave seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

d. New fencing is needed along eroded bank. Dave proposes cedar posts and metal wire to protect the area.

Dave will explore costs and report back.

e. People count for March totals 10,859, 170 visitors/day.

6. Events

a. 802 Rugby has inquired about field use. They may be looking for field time.

7. Other business

a. VT National Guard has asked to land a helicopter at the park as part of their public outreach. Date to be determined. Livy moved to allow the Guard activity to proceed as long as scheduling conflicts can be avoided. Donna seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

8. Dan suggested we go back to face to face meetings. We will target May 6 for an in-person meeting.

9. Jim moved to adjourn. Tom seconded. Motion approved by all. Meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Massingham, Sec.