

JERICHO UNDERHILL PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES
6/3/2021

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

Board Members Absent:
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. Livy called the meeting to order via Zoom at 7:05.
2. Public comment: No public comment
3. Review of minutes: Bruce moved to approve the minutes from May 20, 2021. Dave seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

4. Financial Report: Donna reported on the finances.

Union Bank Checking	\$4,191	Union Bank Muni Checking	\$49,106
NEFCU Power savings	<u>\$92,285</u>		
Total checking/saving	\$145,582		

NEFCU accounts	
Unrestricted	\$30,442
Capital projects	\$0
Bridge	\$61,843
Trails	\$0
Ponds	\$0

- a. Donna will send an update later
- b. Jim moved to approve the treasurers report. Dan seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

5. Park Management

- a. Bridge sub-committee update: Bruce reviewed the committee's progress
 - (1) RFP has been published in several print and social media
 - (2) Donna has been meeting with Carolyn to organize public communication and grant opportunities
 - (3) Bruce has no updates on the river survey. The survey will compare the potential river sites with state survey information. This all helps us identify a site for the temporary bridge
 - (4) Jim started the next RFP for moving and repositioning the temporary bridge
- b. Beaver update
 - (1) The beaver or beavers are very busy. He is now attacking cat tails in the pond. He has been seen under the willow tree.
 - (2) Livy moved to proceed with trapping the beaver/s that are attacking the pond. Bruce seconded. Motion tabled
 - (1) Discussion: Dan opposed the motion. He feels that the park is a natural area and beavers are part of the natural environment and we should not be interfering with them. Several board members expressed regret that trapping seems to be the option of choice. There were suggestions that the subcommittee study this issue further and return to the board with recommendations

- (2) Jim moved to table the previous motion until the subcommittee (Dave & Dan) reports back within a month. Donna seconded. Motion approved. The subcommittee will report back within a month or sooner
 - c. Flowers: Donna and a friend have spent hours planting flowers and mulching.
 - d. People count for May 2021: 24, 880 visitors in May. This is 401 per day.
 - e. Job list
 - (1) Dave reported on tree removal. He recommends waiting to clean up the trees that have been damaged by beavers
 - (2) Doggie bag receptacle ring is not working. Dave will repair
 - f. Dave has repaired the remaining picnic tables. He recommends replacing several of them when we can
5. Events:
- a. Farmers' Market started Thursday, May 27
 - b. Summer concert planning (6:00-8:00): Dan will circulate a sign up sheet for the following concerts:
Open(5:00) Greeter/Donations(5:00) Close(7:30)
 - (1) 7/7 - Eric Bush and the Stragglers
 - (2) 7/14 - Phil Henry
 - (3) 7/27 - Shell House
 - (4) 7/28 - Jericho Road Crew
 - (5) 8/4 - Buck Haulers
6. Publicity
- a. Covered bridge community outreach has begun
 - b. Bid RFP has gone out
 - c. Summer Concert series is still looking for a band for July 28th following a band cancellation
 - d. Website improvements
 - (1) Paul is working on the list that we sent him
 - (2) Dan agrees that upgrades are overdue. He recommends automating some of the functions
7. Other business
- a. Tom has resigned his position on the board. We now have an opening for Underhill.
8. Jim moved to adjourn. Dan seconded. Motion approved by all. Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.
- Respectfully submitted by Jim Massingham, Sec.