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**Jericho Underhill Park District
MINUTES
2/21/24**

Board members present: Bruce Blockland, Jim Massingham, Donna Pratt, Livy Strong, Chris Tardie & Dave Williamson

Board members absent: Kim Spaulding

Guests:

1. Livy called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
2. Public comment:
 - A. No public comment
3. Review of minutes
 - A. Livy moved to approve the minutes of 2/7/24. Bruce seconded. Motion approved unanimously
4. Park Management
 - A. Bruce presented a brief update on the trail grant application. The grant application has been submitted and accepted. The timeline for review is February to May
 - B. Dog control was discussed
 - (1) Chris plans on attending the March 1 Jericho select board to discuss the dog control problems. JUPD will be asking for the support of both towns in trying to improve the animal issues previously discussed
 - (2) Jim moved to reimburse the towns for the cost accessing the services of the Animal Control Officers up to \$200, if required by Jericho or Underhill. Dave seconded. Motion approved with four positive votes, one abstention and one vote opposed
 - C. Livy brought up the potential need for a plan for the upcoming solar eclipse on April 8
 - (1) One concern is uncontrolled parking which may damage the fields. Dave volunteered to rope off non-parking areas

- (2) Donna suggested that we ask that dogs be leashed in the off leash area during the eclipse
 - (3) Donna also suggested we rope off a parking area for emergency vehicles
 - (4) Livy has ordered 50 pairs of eclipse protective viewing glasses
 - (5) Port-o-lets will be installed in early April
 - D. Livy has sent a certified letter regarding mowing invoices that have never been received. Trustees are eager to pay this bill as it is money owed and needs resolution so we do not incur an unanticipated bill in the future
 - E. Dave brought up the work to be done of the athletic fields this summer. We agreed that it needs to be put to bid. Dave will contact Greg Fournier and work on a bid to be posted shortly
 - F. Dave brought up natural water backups in the Browns River near the “dog beach.” Livy reminded the board that even simple river clean up has to be permitted and the state is not likely to approve such work in the river
 - G. Donna shared a list of outstanding projects that need board attention at a future meeting. Her list includes:
 - (1) Vendor policy
 - (2) Fieldstone West Loop Trail work completion
 - (3) Parking and driveway work completion
 - (4) Website improvements phase 2
 - (5) Bridge maintenance
 - (6) Athletic field fy’24 plan and vendor commitment
 - (7) Signage additions and updates
5. Publicity
- A. Livy will post notice of a board vacancy (Underhill)
 - B. Livy will write an article about MRP enhanced dog control measures after consulting with the two elect boards
6. Livy moved to adjourn. Dave seconded. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Massingham