



**Town of Victor Department of Parks and Recreation  
Citizens' Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
Oct 5, 2016**

**Present:** Lisa Roberts, Cyndy Rochford, Larry Fisher, Gary Hadden, Gregg Richards, Brian Emelson by telephone and student guest Liam Richards.

**Absent / Excused:** Christine Palmiere, Bonnie Rhodes, George Heltz, and Dave Tantillo

Gregg Richards called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

**Recognition of Guests / Privilege of the Floor:**

None

**Review and Approval of September Meeting Minutes:**

Cyndy Rochford motioned to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Fisher with the following amendments.

- Mark Robbins was the guest in attendance.
- Under the "Parks and Recreation fee" section, the current lease amount will be corrected to \$187,000 per year. This is derived from a \$157,000 base plus \$30,000 for utilities, school, town and county taxes, and upkeep.

**Town Budget and Tax Increase:**

Brian briefed the CAC on the recent town board meeting discussions regarding drop in tax revenues for the town. Impacts to the Parks and Recreation Department include:

- Cuts in the operating budget. The capital budget will remain unaffected at this time.
- CAC promotional clothing will be discontinued.
- Master plan development will be on hold for a few months pending the results of the tax increase.
- Parks and Recreation Fee increase initiative will also be on hold.

**Director's Report/ Dryer Road Park Box Rink:**

- Brian indicated that only casual users would be inconvenienced with the box rink conversion to a lacrosse artificial turf.
- Brian has asked Mike Stockman to reach out to the hockey users for their input and feedback on the project.
- A follow-up from the meeting is former CAC member Jim Andre and his team will define the scope of the project and develop bid specifications by January 2017. The project is scheduled to be complete by June 2017 before the start of the lacrosse season.



### **Updates on Gullace Project:**

- Gary indicated a meeting will be held at FLCC to review the zoning of the 12 to 14 properties in the village portion of the development.
- The village planning board is considering connecting properties in the village portion of the development to the village sewer system. This could potentially route the sewer main through Harlan Fisher Park.
- Gary indicated if the main does go through the park, this could potentially allow for a future toilet facility in the park. The CAC should consider this in the Master Plan update process.

### **Emerald Ash Borer in Victor Municipal Park:**

The Village of Victor Tree Board is working with the Parks and Recreation department to control the Emerald Ash Borer in the trees at VMP. This includes a \$2,000 treatment for approximately 14 trees that lasts for three years for the infected trees. Brian has asked Gene Pratt to speak at the November CAC meeting.

### **East Victor Road Development:**

Excavation work is proceeding on the East Victor Road development. All the trees have been removed and the grading for the trail is complete. In a subsequent meeting between Gregg Richards (CAC) and Katie Evans (Director of Development), the site plan was reviewed for trail access and sewer tie-in location. The concern is that after the west side of East Victor Road to Fieldcrest Lane is excavated for the sewer main, that the wide shoulder for the Auburn Trail is be properly restored to its original condition before the winter months.

Katie is a proponent of the bicycle and pedestrian interconnectivity project and would like to attend the January or February CAC meeting.

### **Maple Street Construction impact on the Auburn Trail:**

The construction on Maple Street has made it difficult for users to pass through the village section of the trail. Gary will follow-up with John Turner on potentially widening the sidewalks on the east side of Maple Street for bike traffic as part of the overall project.

What is not clear is the agreement with St Patrick's church to use their parking lot as a section/easement of the Auburn Trail. The access to their parking lot at East Street is now chained off preventing access by trail users. Larry will follow up with Chauncy Young of VHT on the St. Patrick's easement.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Larry and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cyndy.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Next meeting: November 2, 2016 or alternate time.

### **End of minutes**