

Town of Victor Department of Parks and Recreation

Citizens' Advisory Committee

Tuesday, January 3, 2023

7:00 pm

Victor Parks and Rec. Bldg.

Attendees: Gregg Richards, Paul Moszak, Lisa Roberts, Elliotte Bowerman, Brian Emelson, Mark Robbins

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm

Group members introduced themselves to Elliotte, our newest member.

Motion to approve the Dec. minutes by Lisa, seconded by Paul. Approved.

Director's Report: Report reviewed with the following inputs/suggestions being provided:

- Winterfest: Suggested that snacks offered include some gluten free and "wholesome" options.
- Concert Series/Taco Tuesday: Ensure sufficient availability of food and beverage choices.
- Dryer Rd. Kiosk and Park Signage: Suggested that consideration be given to offer signage in Spanish.
- Dog Park: Suggested that lower maintenance alternative to grass (e.g. - clover, other ground cover) be considered.

Community Bike Event Update: Mark shared that he's contacted Ont. Co. health dept., which donated helmets and other materials in support of our '22 event. We should hear back within the next week as to what they might be able to donate this year. Mark mentioned that, depending on the Health Department's response we may want to approach local service organizations as Mike Stockman had suggested earlier.

Future Funding for Parks and Rec. Department: Brian reminded the group that with the completion of the Dog Park the fund established via Parks and Recreation fees for New Development will be nearly depleted. Additionally, with rate of new residential development decreasing we can anticipate diminished replenishment of that fund. Strategies for funding of new recreational facilities as well as funding for capital improvements to existing facilities need

to be developed. Brian mentioned that many other communities use bonding for this purpose. Determined that as a next step there be preliminary discussion of this issue with Drew, Brian and Mark. Mark will follow up to schedule a meeting.

Future Development: Discussion took place around implementation of projects identified in the '19 Master Plan. There was consensus among CAC members that Papparone Park be strongly considered for future rec facility development (e.g. - splash pad, other higher ranked amenities called out in the MP, new priority projects, etc). It was also suggested that a brief survey be developed to have members of the community revisit the priority ranked projects included in the MP as well as identify new priorities – possibly to be included in the summer P & R Brochure.

Collaboration with Farmington: Identified as a goal for the year to meet with CAC counterparts in Farmington to discuss possible collaboration opportunities.

VHT Update: Lisa shared that VHT is interested in a building to store trail maintenance equipment. Also shared a “Hall of Fame” project whereby the names of persons so honored have their names inscribed on bricks placed on a trail. Last, a number of videos have been created and are available on VHT's website containing info. on VHT Trails, Maintenance “how to” vids, etc.

Boughton Park: Noted that decision still needs to be made as to how to best implement repairs to the dam. With regard to Farmington possibly taking “partial ownership” of the park it was suggested that consideration be given to holding an “open house” type event in which persons from Farmington could have a chance to experience the park.

Dog Park Update: See Director's Report

Motion to adjourn made, seconded and approved at 8:55pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 7th