

**Town of Victor Department of Parks and Recreation**

**Citizens' Advisory Committee**

Feb. 15, 2023

7:00 pm

Victor Parks and Rec. Bldg.

Attendees: Gregg Richards, Paul Moszak, Lisa Roberts, Brad Bowers, Isaac Shehan, Brian Emelson, Mark Robbins

Meeting called to order at 7:02PM

Motion made to approve the January minutes. Approved as written.

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

- Winterfest: Held on 2/4. Attendance was limited due to very low temperatures which necessitated cancellation of outdoor activities. Suggested that discussion be held, prior to next year's event, as to any different approaches that might promote greater attendance, even in the event of poor weather conditions.
- A committee with members from Victor Trails Collective, CAC and GROC has formed to explore feasibility of a future Action Sports area at Dryer Rd. Pk. that could be used by Bikers, BX bikes, skateboarders, scooters and RCC cars. Brian will keep our group apprised of the committee's progress.

Dryer Rd. Park Signage: Paul asked about the recommendation in the Jan. minutes that consideration be given to offering signage at Dryer Rd. in Spanish. This is not something currently done across Victor town departments. It was suggested that we ascertain whether VCS provides Spanish language communications. Will discuss again at next CAC Mtg.

Dog Park Update: It was shared that in the process of re-surveying that park area it was determined that a previous property line was off by around 50 feet. This has necessitated a revision to the dog park layout which was reviewed at tonight's meeting. Handouts were distributed showing the revised site plan. There has been review of a previously made suggestion to explore a ground cover alternative to grass. Ivy has been ruled out as dogs might have difficulty with that surface. Bids have been solicited for the dog park entry system. The electric service near the park entrance will be redesigned. At this time it is anticipated that the dog park will be operational in Spring, 2024.

Future Department Funding Update: It was reiterated that after completion of the dog park the Park Trust Fund is expected to be depleted. Handouts were distributed showing historic expenditures from the Trust and a preliminary listing of projects identified in our Master Plan (as well as more recently identified needs..) that should be done within the next several years. Brian and Mark shared information about a meeting held with Drew on 1/25 to discuss

strategies to budget for needed capital improvements to existing Park facilities as well as development of new facilities. Bonding was identified as a potential strategy. Drew planned to meet with Jack on this matter. Mark and Brian will follow up with Drew. Mark suggested that time be set aside at our next meeting to review and revise the preliminary listing of Parks and Rec. projects.

Collaboration with Farmington: Nothing new on this topic.

Community Bike Event Update: Mark noted that its likely that Ont. Co. Health Dept. will likely be unable to donate bike helmets again for this year's Bike Event. We still need to check with NYS PTA as to whether they are able to help with this. It was suggested that local bike shops be contacted for donations and to otherwise participate.

AARP Grant: Noted that Lisa recently learned of the availability of AARP Flagship grant monies which she shared with Brian who, in turn submitted a grant request for \$25,000.00 to pay for a portion of the Dog Park project. We anticipate finding out whether approved by April. It was noted that this grant opportunity repeats itself annually. Thanks to Lisa and Brian!

VHT Update: Lisa reported that VHT may interested in doing a tree identification signage project at Fishers Park and may also be interested in removal of invasive plants and replacement with native ones. Brian requested further details on the proposals. Lisa will follow up. Lisa also mentioned that she'll be doing an article in the upcoming Victor Voice town newsletter on collaborative VHT-Parks & Rec. projects.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00PM.