

Town of Victor Department of Parks and Recreation

Citizens' Advisory Committee

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

7:00 pm

Victor Parks and Rec. Bldg.

Attendees: Paul Moszak, Elliotte Bowerman, Brian Emelson, and Gregg Richards

Excused: Mark Robbins, Lisa Roberts, Brad Bowers, and Isaac Shehan

There was not a quorum to hold the meeting. The following items were discussed.

Lord & Taylor property at Eastview Mall.

- Claiming eminent domain, the town is in a lawsuit for taking over a portion of the former Lord & Taylor store at Eastview Mall as potential space for Victor Parks and Recreation. Approximately 80,000 of the 90,000 sq-ft property has already been designated to an unknown tenant. 10,000 sq-ft is insufficient for the department's needs and will most likely be dropped.

Signage in Spanish:

- Victor Central Schools does not have bilingual signage on their campus. Elliotte suggested using QR codes that can be reprogrammed to provide additional information on the parks and trails in Spanish. The thought is to contact Drew to initiate a Town Board review.

Dog Park Review:

- Brian will meet with the electrical contractor to develop an estimate to consolidate the electrical enclosures at the entrance to Harlan Fisher park. The estimate could be included in the Phase 1 bid, a separate project or perform the work in-house.
- The gates to the park and fob system will prevent users from accessing the park outside of open hours.
- Access fee to the dog park is preliminarily around \$25-\$30/yr.
- Elliotte, suggested installing a laminated sign showing the dog park details in the park indicating the April 23 construction start date and April 24 opening date. Opening date is based on the establishment of grass in the dog park area. Elliotte volunteered to distribute details park plan drawings provided by Brian to the local residents. *Grant program opportunities:*
- Paul indicated that they will not receive the \$1,000 Community Total Solar Eclipse Ambassador Program grant.
- Brian anticipates a decision on the AARP Community Challenge grant the week of March 12, 2023.

Bike Event Update for May 13 Events:

- New York State PTA has agreed to donate up to 30 helmets plus other items such as swag and snacks.
- Mike Stockman has contacted the Sheriff's department to arrange for bike rodeo instructors.
- Plans are being finalized for a planning committee meeting to take place late March.

Review of Future Parks and Recreation Project Listing:

- The CAC recommends Supervisor Marren and Drew Cusimano review the CAC recommended projects including the community center with a focus on a bonding funding mechanism. This also involves the individual CAC members communicating directly with the Town Board members to build relationships and increase the level of awareness and support of these projects over the next two years.

Mark Robbins was volunteered to write a letter by March 24th for the upcoming Victor town newsletter stating:

- We have the dog park project in progress
- Need to proceed with the other project requested by town residents in the current Parks & Rec master plan.
- Contain testimonials and quotes from town residents with their experiences from the Parks & Rec department.
- Summary of the CAC functions
- Invite community members to the monthly CAC meetings to engage them in our projects.

VHT Update from Lisa Roberts:

- Lisa held a brainstorming session on Friday 3/3.
- 11 people attended
- Nearly 40 ideas were generated.
- Next steps are forming a sub-committee, evaluating the ideas, & choosing projects for 2023.
- Next meeting date will be set sometime next week (3/12/2023).

Next CAC Mtg. Date: 7PM on 4/4/23 at the Victor P&R Bldg.