

Parks and Trails Report

6/20/2022

Members Present – Ager (Virtual), McCann, Wetherbee

Staff Present – Craker, Edmondson

Public – None

Call to order at 10:30 a.m.

Public Comment: None

South Beach Playground Equipment – Trustee McCann provided the committee with a play structure design that was suitable for younger children and ADA compliant. Its' footprint is bigger than the current wooden structure and includes multiple slides, ramps, sensory boards and had a large shade umbrella. The cost of the structure is \$78,000 but could be lowered by removing certain aspects of the structure. Other associated cost would be surfacing options and building/installation. President Wetherbee thought the structure might be too big and the Village might be better served purchasing smaller, more individual pieces. Craker noted that the tire swing was one of the more popular things used and should be considered for replacement. Zero-G chair swings and different size slides were also mentioned. She also suggested crowd sourcing local families with younger children to see if they had input.

Waterfront Parks – The committee received information from Kirk Richards of Northport Beach Association with some suggestions regarding South Beach and Haserot Park. McCann felt that many of the items were currently being addressed by the Waterfront Committee. Trustee Ager would follow up with Mr. Richards to see if he had any further input.

Driving Range Netting – Jerry Spears installed the netting along the back edge of the driving range. Under extremely strong winds the metal poles used couldn't withstand the weight of the net. Old telephone poles are now being installed for the netting to be attached to and should be completed this week.

8th Street Park – Betsy Ernst of Peninsula Perennials had previously provided the Village with a design for a small park area at the west end of 8th street. Recently she suggested the idea of an Arboretum, is a botanical collection composed exclusively or very largely of trees of a variety of species. Additional other woody plants could also be incorporated. One concern raised was that this 8th street location is the only designated spoils area in the Village.

Mill Pond Info Meeting – Heather Hettinger, DNR Fish Biologist wasn't available in June for the informational meeting. Looking at August now for a potential date.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment 11:04.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris McCann