

Parks and Trails Report

3/20/2023

Members Present – Ager (zoom), McCann, Peterson

Staff Present – Edmondson

Public – None

Call to order at 10:30 a.m.

Public Comment: None

Playground Equipment – The committee had previously received 3 proposals from Sinclair Recreation for equipment. McCann presented Option 1 to the committee as one to consider moving forward. The equipment is designed for younger children in both size and accessories. Some of the freestanding equipment also allows for inclusive play. McCann made one substitution on the equipment that could provide some cost savings and a more usable piece of equipment. Ager questioned if the engineered wood chips were biodegradable and could they end up in the bay. A barrier around the perimeter could be installed similar to the school playground. Other cost saving measures from the proposal were self-removal of the current equipment, excavating the site with DPW or contracting to a local business if cost effective. McCann would reach out to Sinclair for an updated proposal. Other than grant funds perhaps a capital campaign could help support the project.

Veterans Memorial - The committee couldn't see the correlation between the veterans memorial being at the storm tower. It seems that if an alternative location could be found in Haserot there could be a quicker path to design and installation of the memorial. McCann provided some examples of Veterans Memorials found online. Many have similar design, a headstone type monument and brick pavers with name veterans engraved. Peterson suggested meeting with John Mitchell to better understand the significance of having the Veterans Memorial located at the Storm Warning Tower.

Arboretum – Betsy Ernst had contacted a forester to come look at the property at the end of 8th street. Betsy had previously provided the village with a design to improve that area. McCann suggested having him also look at the 7th street property the village owns. Peterson listed wildlife seen on that property and was in favor of protecting the habitat. Could an arboretum be a way to both preserve the land and allow some public use?

Public Comment: none

Adjournment 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris McCann