

Park and Tree Board January 17, 2023

Present: Caitlin Parwana, Ray Otten, Kris Williams, Judy Esposito, Liz Kormos,
Guest Joe Acee.

1. Presentation on Kelley Park graphics for sign: An Informational Kiosk Eagle Scout Project was completed last year & a map of the park was developed by Friends of the Kayaderoseros and Joe Acee. Joe showed us the graphics for an upstream map & a downstream map with points of interest/ parking/ launching sites and fishing sites designated. This is a needed addition to the park. Also discussed was the development of the trail for better use including identification and signage. A suggestion was to check on how resistant to vandalism (ie paint/marker) the covering of the maps would be.
2. Tree Map, Access, findings, etc.: Caitlin & Kris - right now, it's all one color, suggest changing it to match the trees ie red for trees that need to be taken down, green for trees to stay, etc. Shared with Jeff Gawrys, Hopefully he will be able to take the time to update after a tree is taken down &/or planted. or several of us can keep it updated. Also discussed that stump removal should take place when the tree is removed and be included in the budget. Stumps have been removed before other older stumps and board not told. Therefore we need to have better communication between us and DPW. Ray will work on creating a list to prioritize the stumps to be removed and will also talk to the town of Milton for their assistance. Where sidewalks have buckled due to tree roots, it is the property owner to take care of, but....how to enforce? Village lawyer working on this and these areas are noted in the tree survey. Money from Woods Hollow Park can possibly be used to buy trees for public areas of the village.
3. Kelley Park/Victory Circle: 9 people (& 5 others via other communication) attended Ray's meeting about KP. Ray will send the minutes to us on the Park & Tree Board. Basically it's an underutilized park & should not be a passive park & that kids/teens need something to do.
 - a. Basketball hoops are being looked into
 - b. Bicycle racks needed.
 - c. Ray will talk with Jeff Gawrys about what the village can do to apply blacktop on the basketball court.
 - d. Dog Park: signage & refuse bins are needed but people also feel it's too far and it's not handicapped accessible to get there. Can be moved closer.
 - e. There is a downed tree that's a danger and needs to be removed.
 - f. A Memorial Tree area was discussed and guidelines suggested.
 - g. Lastly, Have events to bring people into the park and to give families activities were suggested: Food Truck Event, Pumpkin Blaze, etc.
4. Friends of Wiswall Park: Planning continues on the bench repair project and a letter will be developed to send out to the public and to community groups for contributions to memorial benches. The cost to repair them is less than 1/2 of the cost to buy new. There will be a need of volunteers to complete this. We will also apply for our 501c3 this week.
5. There have been several forms filled out for the vacancies on this board.
6. Next meeting: Tuesday, February 21st. 7:00pm, Library.