

VILLAGE OF WESTON
June 12, 2024 Parks & Rec Board Minutes

Attendance: Samantha Wick, Stephanie Monts, Shelby McClellan, Brittney Klockowski, Harold Boggs

Minutes from the previous meeting (May 9, 2024) were unanimously approved.

Reviewed Park Rules ordinance. Would like to recommend to the council adding in regulations for no motorized vehicles on park land. Board tasked Stephanie with putting together a draft to present to the council. Talked with Harold about adding parking lines to designate parking areas along the paved drive at Alumni Park.

Reviewed upcoming W.I.L.D. program topics and dates: June 22 (Insects), July 9th (5 Senses/Yoga), July 20th (Space & Sun)

Planned a ribbon cutting for the Walking Path on Wednesday, June 26th from 6-8PM. There will be activities similar to a field day (on a smaller scale), promotion of the adult walking program, and a suggestion box for Alumni Park. The walking program will be a steps challenge for adults using the free StepUp app for tracking steps. Brittney shared there are ball games that night, and the board agreed this would be a great opportunity for attendance and getting people to check out all of Alumni Park and hear about the walking program. Would like to request the Mayor and Council Members to be in attendance. Unanimously approved \$400 for ribbon cutting and walking program.

Board unanimously voted to name the walking path "Keeler's Path". Discussed sharing the history of Weston, specifically Keeler's Prairie/Ralph Keeler & Thomas Taylor/Taylorstown on a plaque once more permanent signage is displayed. Temporarily there will be a QR code with history information from the website. The discussion lead into grant opportunities and the board talked about the Storybook Trail Grant through ODNR, which could be a great opportunity to have the history plaque as well as signage and a storybook that can be swapped out during the seasons (Defiance's Splash Pad park does this on their Storybook Trail).

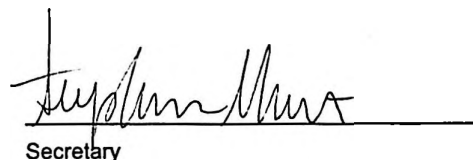
Discussed other project ideas to be put toward grant opportunities such as the Wood County Park District grant including: Shelter House over the old blacktop pad behind the bus garage, Painted Obstacle Course, Equipment Obstacle Course with things like jumpers, rock walls, net walls, etc. Also discussed the adult playground equipment idea and to try something smaller scale along the walking path to gain interest before putting in equipment. A few years ago broken playground equipment was removed from Merrill Park and would like to find replacement equipment to put there, such as musical instrument features that a lot of inclusive parks have.

Discussed fixing up the Michael Merrill park sign and what colors to paint that and inside the shelter. Will plan a park visit to see what else needs fixed up before putting a budget together.

Adjourned.

Next Meeting: July 10, 2024 at 6:30PM


Chairperson


Secretary