

VILLAGE OF NELSONVILLE
Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
At the Village Hall
January 15, 2018 at 8:00 pm

Meeting was called to order by Commission Chair Dave Mangin.

Present at the meeting were Tiffany Praeger, Cailin Luebke Brillowski, Stacy O'Carroll and Gary Anderson. Gary and Elaine Anderson will be added to Park email list.

It was agreed to approve the previous meetings minutes at the next commission meeting.

Discretionary funding for the Commission was brought up. This will be discussed further when Village Board President Bobby Bailey is present.

Dave shared his idea to plan a School Field Day for the Tomorrow River Community Charter School the first week in May. There would be both a morning and afternoon group with focus on environmental education and invasive species removal (garlic mustard). Dave is in contact with Christy Stacy from TRCCS as well as Rachel Loomis from the Environmental Education and Naturalists Association (EENA).

The next steps in developing the Nelsonville Community Sanctuary were discussed with topics including:

- The building of a pedestrian bridge over the river, its benefits and drawbacks. Benefits include connecting the two sections of the Sanctuary divided by the river as well as to the Welton Drive neighborhood. Drawbacks include site disruption and cost. Initiating the permitting process and feasibility study was also discussed. Questions were raised as to what type of bridge could be built, ADA requirements, and potential cooperation with the DNR.
- Park access from Ruby Coffee and/or Dave Jose's property.
- Questions about boardwalk permits and ADA requirements. Caitlin will get checklists.

Dave presented his thoughts and ideas for a Nelsonville Parks Event/fundraiser tentatively scheduled for August 18th. The event could include live music, artist booths, children's activities, raffle, parade, and beer tent. Questions were raised regarding event planning requirements and community participation, as well as environmental impact.

It was agreed that the Playground needs attention. Specifically the broken merry-go-round and bus stop shelter. The tennis court net also needs to be looked at.

Grass needs to be replanted in the triangle after the septic system was installed.

There is potential to put a Geocache on the Sanctuary trail.

The next meeting will be held the first Wednesday in February at 7:30.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Stacy O'Carroll.

