

VILLAGE OF NELSONVILLE
PARKLAND COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
AT THE RISING STAR MILL
JULY 26, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairperson Dave Mangin.

Present at the meeting were Dave Mangin, Bobby Bailey, Caitlin Luebke Brillowski, Tiffany Praeger and Stacy O'Carroll

Dave Mangin discussed finances and the possibility of the Parks Committee having access to funds without having to always apply for the Village Board's approval, which could be time-consuming. Village President Bobby Bailey responded that he thought this might be possible up to a certain dollar figure, and he would discuss it with the Village Board.

The role of the Parks Committee and its goals were reviewed, the primary themes being Economic Stimulation, Education, and Environmental Stewardship. Options for potential resources and advisors to the committee were also discussed (Dept. of Natural Resources, Tom Dunbar of Amherst, Dave Jose).

Stacy O'Carroll brought up the issue of the invasive species, Barberry, which is prevalent on the Anderson property. Barberry is a prime nesting habitat for mice, and areas infested with Barberry often have up to four times greater incidence of Lyme-carrying ticks. It was agreed that any removal of the Barberry on the property, as well as trail development, would need to be done with caution at the correct time of year.

Caitlin Luebke Brillowski suggested developing a Mission Statement for the Parks Committee, in order to lay a strong foundation for future decision-making. It was agreed that Caitlin would present ideas for this at the next meeting.

A discussion ensued about the vision for the Anderson property and the concern for the wildlife who currently inhabit this rewilded land. Dave Mangin pointed out fragile areas on the map of the property and areas that would be good options for a single loop trail. Access via County Road SS was determined to be the top contender for this initial trail.

In conclusion, it was agreed that the goal would be to establish a simple loop trail on the Anderson property by the end of the Fall of 2017. A grand opening celebration would tentatively take place summer of 2018.

The date of the next Parks Committee meeting was determined to be Wednesday, August 16 at 6:00 at the Village Hall and will include a hike on the Anderson property.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Stacy O'Carroll