

Mine Falls Park Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – May 2nd, 2022

Attendees: Jeff Hannigan, Trisha Mullin, Paula Lochhead, Pam Anderson, Dick Gillespie, Greg Andruskevich, Doug Gagne, Matt Leblanc, Bryan Conant

Call to Order – 7:00 PM

April Meeting Minutes Approved

Parks Dept Topics:

- High School Bridge
 - A Public Works Board Meeting was convened to kick off the process of remediating the High School bridge issue
 - The primary solution involves purchase and installation of a temporary bridge, with no exact timeline specified for the installation
 - The secondary measure is approved to engage an engineering firm to assess the permanent replacement of the High School bridge along with the Whipple St entrance bridge
- Lincoln Park Bridge
 - Surface material lining the bridge was inspected and deemed not structure, and is eligible for removal with agreement from the committee
 - The underlying structure will be exposed and treated as necessary for painting/resurfacing
- eBikes Update – Matt Sullivan from Community Development was engaged to work with the vendor for geofence boundary establishment for the park to exclude the public/rental bike usage
- Gatehouse Roof Inspection
 - Additional plans are being made for a Parks Dept walk through on the gatehouse with a committee member
- Knotweed remediation
 - Additional plans are being made for a Parks Dept walk through of the problem area and sharing of prior assessments by the committee
- Parks Event Calendar
 - Parks Dept will work to add our Trail days to the internal calendar
 - Attempt will be made to flag the location as Coliseum Ave/Lincoln Park to avoid overlapping events
 - Otherwise, the committee has not experienced any significant conflict with events occurring the same as the cleanups

Committee Topics

- May Trail Day Projects
 - Dick G – Canal cleanup of minor trees/branches along the edge of the canal (not including major trees requiring advanced removal)

- Jeff – Panting of new fences along the powerlines between Lincoln Park and
- Paula will cover the Gatehouse
- Long Term Park Projects
 - As a result of the unexpected bridge fix and related expenditures, the committee discussed and re-prioritized projects as follows:
 - Multiple projects were identified as appropriate for internal Parks Dept work instead of external contracting (Landscaping of entrances , Spine Rd. repairs, Boardwalk treatment)
 - Remaining projects were identified as still desired by the committee for future planning as the remaining budget allows (Kayak ramp replacement, park mapping/signage, canal & pond water study, canal path grading)

Adjournment - 8:14 PM