

08/24/23 Chautauqua County Parks Commission meeting minutes

Members present: Bob Franzen, Steve Sanberg, Tom Erlandson, Jacob Bodway, Martha Anderson, Bob Dando, Judy Hunt

Guests present: Justin Radar, Pat Smith, Dotty Lauricello, Theresa Dawes, Emma_____

The meeting was held at the Jamestown Airport. Chair Bob Franzen called the meeting to order at 4 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted.

The Operations report included the following information: Pat Smith is now the Parks Supervisor. 1 seasonal remains. Ongoing projects include Egleston Hill Parking lot is surveyed. Design to start in September. Luensman Bathroom replacement DPF Engineering/ Highway will complete interior in October. ARPA funded Project - Waterways Master Plan's contract with Watershed Conservancy is signed. Harris Hill project -bridges removed and wood to be recycled. Easement for SUNY property was found. Bid for Dinsbier Landfill Timber sales was for \$111,570. The contract is for 2 years. The Operating Budget was amended in the amount of \$227,760.

Trail Development CRITIC has \$350.00 surplus. Some will go to trails and waterways. Property easement documents may be necessary. Overland trail is in good condition. Trail signs in Bates were installed. The mapping project is in progress. Results will be available at Visitors Bureau website. Kiosks will centralize info. DEC survey allow suggestions for new kiosks. There is the possibility of rule change for trails use. A copy of the rules will be available to review. Signs regarding mountain bikes will be posted. Grass removal advisability was discussed. It leads to better drainage and eliminates need for mowing and is more sustainable. There was an open discussion of suggesting new projects between Parks and Greenway. Rutenberg and Boutwell parking lots are tended by DPF and Green Thumbs. Pat Smith was commended for his good work and the condition of the trails.

New Business Dotty Lauricello's membership on the Commission is in progress. The meeting was adjourned at 4:50. The next meeting is on 9/29/2023

Respectfully submitted, Judy Hunt, Secretary