

**MINUTES**  
**Goshen Parks and Recreation Commission**  
**February 21, 2023, 6 pm**  
**Community Building**

**Welcome to Area Residents and New Commissioners**

- Called to order at 1811

**Review and Approval of Agenda**

- Discussion of education kiosk moved to front of agenda

**Review and Adoption of Minutes**

- Approved as written

**New Business**

- Educational Kiosks Discussion
  - Beaver Water District has committed to coordinating education and outreach with the Goshen Arbor Board
  - BWD would like to install a water bottle filler at the Community Center Fun Park
  - Kiosk about their water work in our Community Center Fun Park as well.
  - Parks Commission supports the idea pending an estimation of the cost of the kiosk.

**Park 2023 Budget**

- Roads and Parking Lots \$20,000
- Park Equipment \$14,000
- Park Maintenance \$12,000
- Portable Toilet Rental \$1,450
- Land Surveys \$3,000
- Miscellaneous \$500
- Lease of Land \$10,000
- TOTAL \$60,950

**Old Business**

- AR DOT TAP Grant Update
  - Agreement between ARDOT and Goshen still being drafted outlining the process should be finished in 2 to 4 weeks.
  - Workshop was held in January. Attended by Chuck Jacobus & Ken Smith.
- State Outdoor Land Acquisition Grant Update
  - Mayor, John Beneke, Chuck & Ken met with the State representative.
  - Next step is to send a map to the state outdoor grant program outlining the current property of the park with property to be acquired.
  - Existing power lines that cross the park present a hazard to Mill Branch Creek.
  - Any structures built on the property in the future MUST be dedicated to outdoor recreation in perpetuity.
  - Appraisal is to be done by Charles Hudson
  - Survey is to be planned for final 3 parcels in advance of final purchases

- HUD Grant for Land Acquisition Grant Update
- Goshen received a letter from HUD in early January.
- Preparation of budget and spending of the funds is key.
- RFQ for Hay Mowing and Baling Update
- Council approved the RFQ.
- Notice to be placed in public spaces...newspaper, social media, and public postings.
- All applications to be in by March 31st
- Walk Bike Plan
- This plan provides an opportunity for recreational, economic, infrastructural development.

### **New Business**

- Carbon Reduction Grant Application
- NWARPC was given about \$2 Million for tangible carbon reduction initiatives.
- \$1.4 million awarded last year.
- Grant applications opened up again for this year.
- Goshen applied for \$217,000 with \$54,000 matching. Extension of Mill Branch ADA project with Crafton Tull.
- Park Damage - North Boundary Line Update
- Sediment barrier is only about 25% in place.
- Hillside still full of debris and without much improvement based on agreement.
- Caleb to visit with Mr. Royal addressing concerns raised by PRC.
- PRC continues to act as agent to Bob Daughtery regarding damage to his property.
- Park Maintenance
  - Tree Removal
  - Invasives
  - South Entrance
  - Wire Fence Removal
  - Water
  - Other

### **Public Input**