

Goshen Parks and Recreation Commission Agenda
April 20, 2021

Review of Agenda

- No changes to previous minutes
- Present: Ken Smith, Adam Walker, Chuck Jacobus, Lora Nanek

Approval of Minutes

- No previous minutes to approve
- Next Meeting will be held on Wednesday May 19th, 2021 at 1830 due to scheduling conflicts with commission chair &

Mill Branch Park Update

- Cattle Lease
 - o Lease for cattle usage of land (Jerod Guillen & partner) extends month-to-month. Signed in November 2020. 14 cattle on property now. Plans to bring 16 more to property in early May. Bull placed with cattle shortly thereafter. Mr. Guillen is concerned with visitors around cattle and the possibility of a gate being open or left open. Mr. Guillen's information was sent to the Mayor for discussion.
 - o Suggestion for cross fencing to reduce chance of cattle escaping.
 - o Lease for cattle usage should be transferring to City of Goshen & Mr. Guillen.
- Mowing
 - o Mr. Guillen does mow the property and intends to mow and bale the hay later this year.
- Chicken House
 - o The city does not want to pay for deconstruction of the structure. There is great value in the metal and other structural components. Patrick (last name unknown) is interested in deconstructing the chicken house. Chuck Jacobus has contact information
- Projected Park Opening
 - o Anticipating the opening of the walking area for later in the year.

Questions from public:

Fara Ferguson: Will there be equestrian trails or horse trail access? Concerns for securing out-buildings on her property as the park develops.

Community Center Update

- Farmers Market
 - o Liz Mashie working on Farmer's Market to be held at the historic Goshen Community Center set to begin in the spring.
- Arbor board
 - o Recently completed tree giveaway at community center on April 17th

Review of FUN Park Project

- Design, Timeline, City Resolution

- Proposed plan: paved handicap compliant parking spot with sidewalks & ramps paid by the city. Large multi-surface play structure with soft surface to be paid for by the grant.
- Will need city resolution. August submission.

Review of Arkansas DOT Grant Project

- Design, Timeline, City Resolution
 - Concept for Phase I - Small parking lot servicing 4 vehicles (1 being handicapped accessible). Then ADA compliant trail for approximately 900 feet that ends at a kiosk and informational signage. Initial plan will be for managed dirt trails throughout the property. This grant requires a maintenance plan for the trails. This has been written.
 - Question raised about commitment from city for existing road or repair of access road crossing creek.
 - Will need resolution by the city before the June 1, 2021 deadline. Needed at City Council meeting during May meeting.

Beaver Watershed Alliance SOW

- Work on the SOW will begin later this year. Primary focus will be to preserve water quality of Beaver Lake & the White River. SOW will be the foundation of the management plan as it pertains to riparian preservation.

Goshen Parks Friends Group

- Likely will be needed to assist with upkeep of properties, both the Community Center & Mill Branch Park.

Fundraising Update

- Letter sent to Walton Family Foundation. No reply as of yet.
- ArDOT Grant in progress
- FUN Park Grant in progress
- Donations can be made to the city with attention to Parks & Recreation use