

**MINUTES**  
**Goshen Parks and Recreation Commission**  
**May 02, 2023 at 6:30PM**  
**Goshen Community Building, 244 Clark Street**

**Call to Order:** Ken Smith called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

**Roll Call:** Ken Smith, Chuck Jacobus, Caleb Lebow and Danielle Edwards were present. Adam Walker was absent.

**Approval of Agenda:** Caleb made a motion to remove G & F from the Agenda. Seconded by Danielle. All in favor yeah. The motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion made by Chuck Jacobus to approve March 7 and April 4, 2023 minutes. Seconded by Caleb LeBow. All in favor yeah. Opposed none. The motion carried.

**Old Business:**

- A. Discussion/update of Possible land acquisition on Fire Tower Rd.:** Ken Smith  
Mayor Stroud spoke with the property owner of the 4.9 acres. The owner agreed to hold off his 1031 property exchange. Council members have gone to see the property. This will be on the Council Meeting Agenda for May 9, 2023.
- B. ARDOT Access/ADA Trail Project update:** Ken Smith  
We have a grant that's including the cities match of about \$325,000 from the department transportation for improving and developing an ADA pathway trail and a culvert crossing of mill branch Creek on the north side. It would come out of our existing parking lot. That project we've been given the grant and the contract. Chuck: ARDOT grant is pretty complicated to execute, there are about 6 steps that you have to go through they're called milestones and every milestone they have to approve. We're not sure when we will be able to start. There's an environmental review, need to be done. Questions about the bridge and culvert.
- C. Hay Mowing contract:** Ken Smith  
Reviewed the contract submitted from Emily Jost of Mashie Farms. Motion made by Caleb LeBow to approve the contract. Seconded by Danielle Edwards. All in favor yeah. Opposed none. The motion carried.
- D. Park Trail Maintenance:** Ken Smith  
We have more than 30 trees signs that identify the trees. We will have the walking trails mowed so we can walk up to see the signs. J.D will take care of it. We will need to mark the trails a little better soon.

**E. State 2023 Outdoor Grant Project Update; Ken Smith**

We've already address it.

**F. Disc Golf: Caleb Lebow**

Roughly 8 people helped set 9-hole Disc Golf course, it's ready to go. Nothing is permanent, it can be changed. Discussed putting signs. Got a lot of great input.

**G. Arbor Comments: Tabled**

**H. North Edge Restoration: Caleb LeBow**

Wesley McGinnis has had some things come up and not been able to get us a quote. Overall, Mary & Caleb say its stable, should just watch it. Not an option to get heavy equipment out there, it would do more damage than good. They suggest the getting a donation from Mr. Royal for gate and damage. He had agreed to pay for damage previously. It was decided to make it payment/fine of \$2000.00. Caleb made a motion to approve a payment/fine of \$2000.00 for Mr. Royal. Seconded by Chuck Jacobus. All in favor yeah. All opposed none. The motion carried.

**New Business**

**A. HUD Grant: Ken Smith**

Mayor Stroud: Communication has halted with HUD until we know if we will purchase the land. Also waiting on the environmental study to be done and come back for what Hud is requiring. Ken received an e-mail from HUD on March 22, 2023 in response to his March 14, 2023 e-mail. In the response e-mail were questions asked from HUD about the environmental assessment. Along with other information and questions that need to be answered. Ken will forward the e-mail to the Mayor, Parks and Recreation Commissioners for review.

**B. Recognition of Chuck Jacobus: Ken Smith**

Ken: The Parks and Recreation Commission would like to make a recommendation to the City Council, to make a resolution or a proclamation in Honor of Chuck and his wife Sarah for all their contributions to the City of Goshen. Caleb Lebow made a motion to bring this to the City Council. Seconded by Danielle Edward. All in favor yeah. Opposed none. The motion carried.

**C. Public Input:**

**D. Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Caleb Lebow at 8:08. Seconded by Danielle Edwards. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm

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**Ken Smith /Chairman**

