

5/25/2023 Chautauqua County Parks Commission meeting minutes

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

Guests present: Sam Zafuto, Justin Radar, John Hemmer, Courtney Domst

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

Operations Assigned supervisor and 4 seasonals are adequate. John Schnars is district supervisor. Bart's job will be posted. Ongoing tasks: Eggleston Hill Parking lot DPF Engineering Luensman Park Bathroom replacement – DPF engineering/Highway work delayed due to illness and injury The stone veneer is completed. Plumbing is roughed in. ARPA funded Project Waterway Master Plan is at Law Department for contract preparation. ARPA funded project – Harris Hill – bridges being designed. Road maintainer position being filled.

Parks will open 5/5. Luensman fence will be removed next week. Mowing and trail work was started. Many trails are in rough condition. Boutwell and Eastside trails are clear. Wells will be tested soon. Christian Wright will be asked about volunteers. Next year's budget may include a skilled carpenter. Budget – Occupancy tax restored to \$150,000. Timber harvest at Luensman late this year or early next year.

Trail Development Overland signs are being stolen. Kiosks at Chautauqua Gorge being installed. 3 kiosks to be done and ready to be installed at Erlandson. Friends of Greenway will hold grand opening of Amish Buggy and Blue Heron trails on 6/4. Mountain Bike group has cleaned and will maintain Whalen, North Harmony and Chautauqua Gorge trails.

Waterways Watershed agreement is with Law Department.

Marketing The County is making a push marketing, promote map of trails.

New business decision on lean-tos postponed. Possible new member – Dotty Lauricello.

Next meeting 6/22 at Erlandson. Meeting adjourned at 5:01.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Hunt Secretary