

VILLAGE OF LYNDONVILLE
TRUSTEES AGENDA

May 8, 2017
6:00 PM

Trustees

Ron Aiken, Chair
Heather Bollman
Doug Conly
Sue Mills
Chris Hunter

Press

Amy Nixon

Public

Justin Smith
Steve Gray

1. Ron Aiken called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.
2. Minutes: Chris Hunter made a motion to approve the minutes from April 24, 2017. Heather Bollman seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.
3. Bandstand Park Request: Northeast Kingdom Childcare, located on Church Street requested the use of Bandstand Park for its graduation ceremony on Monday, June 19th, 2017 at 6:00 PM. The request is for a 30 minute ceremony at the gazebo with no electricity required. The rain date would be Tuesday, June 20th. Chris Hunter made a motion to approve the request with the standard conditions. Susan Mills seconded, and the motion carried 5-0. Mr. Smith made the Board aware of a second request from Beaten Trail Canine Facility, LLC. which was requesting to hold one hour dog trainings in the park on Sundays from June until October. The Trustees decided that they needed more information before making a decision on the request.
4. Depot Street Sidewalk: Justin Smith provided the Board with pictures of the Depot Street sidewalk on the east side of the railroad tracks. Mr. Smith explained that the sidewalk is in need of attention, the cement curbing is undermined and is quickly eroding the entire stretch from Charles Street to Williams Street. The sidewalk has become a liability issue in certain spots where the rebar for the curbing is showing or large chunks of concrete have broken away from the sidewalk pads. Mr. Smith suggested that the Board consider removing the sidewalk and pave the area, and add a lip to prevent the water from rushing directly onto the properties. A white line could be added to depict a walking lane for pedestrians as well. Mr. Smith stated that the side walk is currently 3-4' wide and does not meet the 5' ADA requirement, and it abruptly ends just around the corner on Charles Street. In order to replace the sidewalk Mr. Smith estimated that three telephone poles would need to be relocated. The square corner at the top of Depot Street is already narrow and gets "cut off" by drivers turning from Depot onto High Street; if we added another foot to the side walk, toward the travel lane we would be creating a more dangerous situation for passenger vehicles and a very difficult situation for truck drivers attempting to maneuver around a blind corner. The other alternative would be to add an additional 1 foot to the outer edge of the sidewalk this alternative would require the relocation of 3 of LED's utility poles which would be an expensive undertaking. Mr. Smith concluded by stating that choosing either of these options does not solve the largest issue, which is snow removal. We have nowhere to blow the snow, and adding one extra foot of width to the sidewalk is only going to add to the difficulty. By removing the sidewalk the Village crew can plow the snow with a truck and stack it at the park on Williams Street. Doug Conly made a motion to remove the sidewalk. Susan Mills seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.
5. High Street Discussion: Mr. Smith requested permission to seek a price for putting a skim coat of pavement on High Street just around the corner from Depot Street. The pavement has deteriorated to the point where we are spending a significant portion of our cold patch budget on this tiny section of street. In addition the paving would provide an opportunity to shape how water moves toward Depot Street resulting in less salt usage as well. The Trustees felt it would not hurt to get a price.

6. Parking Lot Lease: Mr. Smith asked the Trustees if they were interested in pursuing a lease from the State of Vermont on the parking lot adjacent to the Asia Restaurant. Mr. Smith said he would request an estimate of the work and materials to upgrade the area if there was interest in pursuing the lease of the land. Susan Mills felt that added parking and sprucing up this property fit in with the recent findings from the community meetings held by the Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD). Downtown Revitalization was identified as one of the four most important topics by the community. The Trustees agreed that this was worth pursuing.
7. Other: Mr. Smith mentioned there was a letter from Chief Harris regarding the Stars and Stripes event, but there was no action to take as it was informational only.

Having no other business the meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.