

**CITY PARKS, RECREATION & CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Tuesday, January 4, 2022**

**PROCEEDINGS BY AUTHORITY**  
**State of New York, City of Jamestown**

The regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Conservation Commission of the City of Jamestown, New York, was held on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at the Parks Department office, 115 Fairmount Ave., Jamestown New York.

Those present representing the Commission were:

Commissioner Cindy DiNapoli	Anderson
Commissioner Kim Ecklund	Commissioner Adam Irgang
Commissioner Bob Whitney	Commissioner Chris Prinzi
Commissioner John Bauer	
Commissioner Dave	

Others Present:

Twan Leenders,  
Dan Stone, Parks Manager & City Arborist  
Kelley Johnson, Parks Dept.

Absent:

Commissioner Russ Diethrick	Commissioner Jennifer Williams
Commissioner Alyssa Porter	Matt Spunaugle, Parks Supervisor

The meeting was called to order by Cindy DiNapoli

**Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Bauer to approve the minutes of the September 2021 meeting. Carried.

**Opportunity for Persons to Address Commission:**

None.

**Summer Playground Program** - Dan relayed that the program will start back up this year, with programs to be held at four parks: Bergman, Allen, Jackson Taylor and Lillian Dickson.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Street Oaks** – Dan mentioned there is infrastructure work to be done. Talk of decorative lighting as well as elm trees. Wants to be sure it is a great entrance into the city, but that the project is not rushed.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Oak Tree Art Show through the Chautauqua Art Gallery (Leslie Calimeri) raised \$2,400 for the Urban Forestry Fund through the online auction of items related to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street oaks. Many artists donated a percentage of their proceeds to the Forestry Fund. It was mentioned that The Chautauqua Art Gallery is planning to relocate to Main Street in Jamestown in the near future.

**Presentation on the Chadakoin by Twan** – Twan gave a presentation on the lower Chadakoin, the section from the Warner Dam downstream to Falconer. He relayed most of the attention has been focused upstream, but there are a total 7 miles of riverbank that need attention.

He relayed the problem with the Ash trees along the river, 25-30% of which are dead and falling into the river. There are also very old (100+ year old) retaining walls that are crumbling.

Two-year project would include mapping out where the need is and remove and clean up debris in the river as well as the dead trees that are close to falling in. Remove dead tree trunks, but the banks are eroding, which means there is a need to replant where those trees were removed. Removal of invasives, and the need to plant natives which will benefit the banks and keep sediment together.

There is a need to follow up quickly with all of the above items which will result in a beautiful shoreline. It is the most cost-effective way to stabilize the banks. It will require some maintenance for a while, but it is an investment that will continue growing. It will provide 7 miles of park-like areas, with many different bird species, beavers, otters, and turtles.

The total project budget is \$650,000 which includes all phases, with contingencies built in. Phase 1 budget of \$270,000 was approved by Council.

The mindset of not just damage control, but a useable space for all to enjoy. With the City behind the project, it opens up opportunities for various other grants.

**Good of the Order:**

**Adjournment:** The next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 pm at the Parks and Recreation Department office, 115 Fairmount Avenue.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kelley Johnson