

**CITY RIVERFRONT MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**  
**Tuesday, December 12, 2023**

The meeting of the Riverfront Management Council of the City of Jamestown, New York, was held on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 5:30 p.m., at 115 Fairmount Avenue.

Those present representing the Council were:

Becky Nystrom  
Twan Leenders  
Terry Horner

Absent Members:

Russ Diethrick  
Jennifer Lumia  
Brent Sheldon  
Billy Stevenson  
Luke Fudor  
Dave Anderson

Others Present:

Dan Stone, Parks Manager/City Arborist; Matt Spunaugle, Parks Supervisor; Jarren Cotter, JHS Representative; and Kelley Johnson, DPW and Parks Departments.

### **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Although there was a lack of quorum, consensus was that no edits or corrections were needed for the September 12, 2023 meeting minutes.

### **Opportunity For Persons to Address Council** - None

**Halloween** - Dan Stone reported that over 3,000 kids were in attendance. Great crowd with no issues or complaints. The weather definitely helped with attendance. Approximately 16 different organizations/groups participated with booths to hand out candy, etc.

**Walk for Paws** – Due to the great success and positive feedback from attendees, Brian Papalia with the Chautauqua County Humane Society has already begun the process to reserve the Riverwalk for the 2024 event. Attendees and their pups very much enjoyed the Riverwalk pathways and downtown connections.

**St. Patrick's Day** – Turn the River Green event. Dan mentioned we will wait to see what exactly takes place that day based on the availability of funds. The BPU does cover the cost of the environmentally safe dye that is used.

**North Shore Work** – Twan and Dan reported that all failing and falling shoreland trees (mostly Norway maple and black locust) in the Basin behind the Comedy Center were recently removed. The articles in the PJ have helped with awareness of the project.

Regarding restoration work below the dam, Twan relayed that the application for the DEC Article 16 permit and acquisition of required insurance through the Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy are underway. Additional grants are being sought for restoration work behind the Gateway Center, Chautauqua Center, and ServePro.

**Tree Trimming** – Dan and Twan reported that general tree trimming and removal of dead ash and tree of heaven have been done on the Riverwalk. Parks crews have also been behind JAMA, the Big Lots

plaza and St. James Church removing silver maples and other trees, and also have been trimming trees for the clearing of street signs. The BPU is replacing the building that houses district heat at Institute Street. Parks crews have trimmed to keep clear, open and safe.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Street** – Trees for 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and other city streets are in the tree farm. Discussions are currently occurring on when planting will take place. Over 200 are in the farm now, with over 100 sites called in for Dig Safe NY.

**Medical Kiosks** – The last of the kiosks for used hypodermic needles are being removed December 13<sup>th</sup>. The usage expected was not there and rather than a safe needle depository these receptacles were being used instead for general garbage and other waste.

**McCrea Point** – Looking at planting tall, native grasses, which had not been really permitted previously.

**General Discussion** – Terry Horner wanted to make special mention of the Lunar Pyros events that took place during the summer. They were very enjoyable, a free activity and drew a good following. Hoping they will return in 2024. The group was there approximately 8 times in 2023.

Twan mentioned working on county mapping that will mesh with big trail maps. Will include city parks, hiking trails, equestrian trails, snowmobile trails, and the Riverwalk. There are over 6,000 miles of trails in Chautauqua County.

Pump Track – Unfortunately, the pump track grant was denied. Will try applying again in 2024.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2024.