

**TOWN OF NORTH CASTLE
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Minutes of July 10, 2012 Meeting**

In Attendance – Joe DiMauro, Bonnie Tumminelli, George Alvarez, Susan Lichten, Tony Milone, Frank Benish, Sam Morell, Rocco Troiano, Susan Snyder, Lisa Larsen

Absent – John Cronin

Minutes from June meeting were approved.

Sam Morell and Small Town Theatre and Concert Update

- Thanks to Joe DiMauro and NCPT for sponsoring the first concert. It was a great success; dancing and sax players playing in the lawn amongst the crowd. Beascakes Bakery provided free refreshments.
- Should a small admission fee be charged with the understanding that **net** proceeds will go to benefit parks and recreation?
- Sam will attend the Pleasantville Music Festival (a major event) to learn how it is organized, to see if a similar music festival event can be arranged at Community Park.
- Possibly held October 5th, the week following the art show. Sue said the sports leagues won't be willing to give up the use of the fields for two weeks in a row. Motion to explore further.
- Next concert is July 29th at 7:00pm; Sam looking for sponsorship. There will be another concert in August.

Report on Teen Night at Pool

- Rain and stormy weather. Approx. 80 kids attended, broke even. Now know what has to be done in preparing the next event.

Park Facility Reservation Form and Fees

- We need to come up with fees that Town Board adopts and supports.
- Rec Board has past research from 3 months of debate. Joe DiMauro and Rec Advisory Board will review and report at next month's meeting.
- Reported that Con Edison is charging a monthly fee for lights even if the lights are not being used.
- Alcohol permit requests to be handled by Town Clerk's office.

Insurance Report on Park/Playground Inspection

- A written report was sent to Howard Arden.
- There is no extra money for safety surfacing and signs.

Camp Registration Update – New people continue to enroll each week.

Fields and Turf Management

- Recommendation to get proposal from J.P. McHale for next year; less than half the price of Tru Green; make sure we are comparing apples to apples. Cost from J.P. McHale is \$13,360 for the remainder of this year.
- Rocco Troiano would ask his league to bear the cost of Clark Field. No problem with ABL picking up Clark Field portion of the bill. Rocco concerned about IBM 3. Doesn't want that field to get like Clark Field.
- Procurement policy states we don't need to put out to public bid if price is under \$20,000.
- For Lombardi and IBM fields the Town should get contributions from other leagues; soccer is big, football and lacrosse not much, only in the Fall.
- Parks budget is depleted this year; go to Town Board at budget time to request money for next year.
- Tony Milone met with Bob Candrea of Kensico Little League. Candrea wants to do work on Clove Road fields as long as the Town commits to maintain the fields. Candrea is totally willing to duplicate what they did in Mt. Pleasant on their own dime.
- Frank Benish questioned the efficiency of the Parks crew, how they spend their time? Sue responded that she is not their boss; Rich Fon, head of DPW, was their boss and he resigned.
- Motion to present the two quotes to the leagues to get funding for the project.

Girls Softball

- Rocco Troiano said this should be recreation ball; the size of the league is difficult. There are concerned people from the Katonah-Bedford League. Try to set up a meeting with Rocco and Jerry Stroud to discuss.

Next meeting is Thursday, August 9th at 5:30pm