

**TOWN OF NORTH CASTLE
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Minutes of July 2, 2013 Meeting**

In Attendance – Joe DiMauro, Dan Zenkel, Frank Benish, George Alvarez, Susan Lichten, John Cronin, Matt, Trainor, Lisa Larsen, Adam Kaufman, Joan Goldberg, North Castle Citizens

Absent - Vita Errico, Tony Milone

Minutes from May meeting were approved.

2013 Budget - June Update

- Will be discussed at next month's meeting.

Update On Turf Field Project

- Synthetic Turf Field Report prepared by Milone & MacBroom was distributed. There are two concepts: a regular size field with four bleachers or a smaller youth size field with a reduced number of seats. Full size field would be a difficult permit.
- A smaller field seemed reasonable; two bleachers will not impact New York State Wetlands. There will be no Track, just a walkway only on the sides. DEC will go to the site to mark Wetlands area. State will do field study to assess wetlands. Wetlands delineation is good for ten years.
- There are no issues with regard to endangered species. Town will have to issue their own wetlands, storm and flood permits. The goal is to expand field capacity for youth sports.
- Both concepts show new concession and bathrooms, but this is an additional area of review for DEC. They want to know our timeline to start construction. We have to wait until we get feedback on Wetlands. We look to get an update from Adam Kaufman next month.
- Citizen comment that they want to be part of the process and know who to present objections to; they are not in favor of a turf field. There is concern for the Art Show that you can't put tent stakes into turf. They are also concerned about the timing of the work and the Art Show. Friends will sit down with John Cronin to go over all logistics. David Africk will be the Art Show contact. His phone number is 273-2717 and email is dafrick@live.com.

Tennis Courts Renewal Contracts – Dan Zenkel

- Ongoing negotiations. If agreed, Town will receive \$750,000 over ten years. Deadline is July 15th.

Winkler Park – Status Of Work Schedule And Plans Moving Forward

- Tennis courts, gazebo and playground have been power washed. Parking lot completed. Need dry days for resurfacing. Sign has been refurbished.
- Don Brandes and crew removed the rotted, wooden fence. They will look at the mesh fence around the tennis courts to see what it may need.
- The slide on the playground looks broken but it is operational. Playground Medic said the slide is safe and compliant. \$2,000 budgeted for a new slide; Matt Trainor will get estimate for new slide.

Status Of Washington Headquarters Relocation – John Cronin

- County Executive Astorino is committed to funding. Waiting on updated cost estimates to move building. This 6.7 acre park will be maintained by Don Brandes and the parks staff; Don didn't feel this would be a burden. State Attorney has to sign off.
- Citizen concern that North Castle taxpayers will pay for County property. Citizen interpretation that County Executive Astorino is supportive as long as North Castle takes over the building. They don't feel it is a secure area; it's isolated and there is not a lot of Police coverage. The Miller House Committee thought they would be involved in discussions with the County. It's far more involved than just moving and restoration. A lot of factors must be considered; participation of Miller House Committee is necessary moving forward.
- George Alvarez is Liaison. There will be no public hearing with local residents.

Bench Donation – Matt Trainor

- There are two donors; have received donation from one of the donors. Plaques will be done once the order is placed. One bench will be placed at Winkler and one bench at Wampus.

Summer Camp Status Update - Matt Trainor

- Chippewa has 230 kids enrolled; Kick-A-Poo has 107 kids enrolled. Week 1 of Teen Tour cancelled due to low enrollment; Week 2 is going. This camp should be advertised on the Town's Facebook page.
- Bill Glassman stepped down as Director of Camp Kick-A-Poo due to health reasons. Cathy Pieragostini has stepped in as Director.

Online Registration Update – Matt Trainor

- Applications are in to Con Edison and Verizon for space on the pole. This will be completed in Fall.

Proposed Installment Of Water Filtering System On Water Fountains At The Town Parks

- Diane Roth was not present; to be discussed at future meeting.

Continued Discussion On Bike Path Routes – Frank Benish, John Cronin

- Adam Kaufman said \$9,500 passed for a preliminary study. Schools have concern with bike path during school hours.

Friends Of North Castle Parks - John Cronin

- John Cronin said that a New York City attorney will draft bi-laws.

Letter From Sam Morell Regarding Summer Theatre And Concerts At Wampus Brook Park

- Letter from Sam Morell distributed. Joe DiMauro addressed this issue. Sam attended a few meetings a year and a half ago. He wanted volunteers and manpower. The letter attacks and old survey; the Board hasn't heard from Sam since.
- We will approach Sam and ask him for a budget and will consider for next season.

Parking

- Town Board discussion regarding off street parking within the hamlet. Maps were distributed. Town Board wants to add more parking spaces behind Hergenhan. Town Administrator said taxpayer dollars will pay for the lot. The motion was passed that there is no objection to the Rec Board proposing parking area behind Hergenhan.

Next meeting is Tuesday, August 6th at 6:15pm