

TOWN OF NORTH CASTLE
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
Minutes of July 1, 2014 Meeting

In Attendance: Joe DiMauro, Susan Lichten, Frank Benish, Frank Lattarulo, Steve D'Angelo, Matt Trainor, Lisa Larsen, Sam Morell

Absent: Dan Zenkel, Charlene Decker, Tony Milone

Minutes from the May 6th and June 5th meetings were accepted and approved.

Wampus Brook Park South Report on Cost for Engineering Work

We are waiting for the engineering report.

Wampus Brook Park North Tree Action Plan and Progress

Marked trees will be cut and dropped to the ground next week. Town labor will do the chipping and removal. There are 35-40 trees to be dropped, which should take 4-5 days to complete.

Online Registration Update

The paperwork to establish a bank account has been submitted. We are aiming for full implementation in the fall.

Vending Machines

The old vending company finally came in and removed their machines. The new vending company will place their machines and will add a few more in different locations, one being the Highway Department.

Playground Repairs

All playground repairs will be completed after next week. The parks crew will spread the engineered wood fiber chips. The insurance company will do their own inspection. Plan to budget \$15-20,000 in next year's budget.

Repair Schedule

See Playground Repairs above.

Bike Path

This will be discussed at a future Town Board work session, but is not near the top of the list.

Camp 2014 Latest Registration Numbers

A camp enrollment packet was distributed. Week one numbers are low due to the short/holiday week. Teen Tour week two has 33 kids enrolled; thrilled with this number.

ABL Work on IBM Field 1 - Report on Completion of Work and Costs

The Town pitched in \$15,000; the entire cost was \$33-34,000.

ABL Lease of Cox Avenue

ABL was given a two month extension until 9/1/14. ABL has agreed to cover the oil costs. The boiler is only six years old; the problem is more with the piping. ABL is going to vote on the roof tonight at their regularly scheduled meeting.

Gazebo Repairs and Plan Moving Forward

The gazebo is totaled according to the insurance company. The Town has the original gazebo plans. Roland Baroni is looking into matters. This is a major project, having to go through many Boards. It will be a long time before the gazebo will be back up. The goal is to keep costs down and keep the original look of the gazebo. A mobile bandstand from Greenburgh Parks & Recreation will be brought in for the summer concerts; cost is \$1,000 per concert.

IBM Building - Town Board Decision on Removal

The building is empty, the phones have been turned off and the security system has been cancelled. There is asbestos in the boiler room; Jamie Norris is involved. Demolition of the building will be done in-house during the middle of the summer.

IBM Parking Lot - Decided Schedule for Work Completion

The plan is to knock the building down first and then do the parking lot.

Presentation by Sam Morell on Performing Arts Council Development

The goal is to bring cultural programs to Armonk, Banksville and North White Plains by using our wonderful facilities. The mission of NCAC is to enrich lives and raise the quality of life in the Town of North Castle by presenting an array of exceptional and diverse arts experiences and connecting them to the community. The NCAC seek to nurture a vibrant arts community, foster artistic excellence, and bring people together for powerful shared experiences.

New Programs for Seniors in the Summer

Joe DiMauro had suggested bringing the seniors to the pool. Liz Thomas poled the seniors and they were not interested.

Refurbishing of the Message Board at Wampus Brook Park

Alison Simon and Anne Curran of the Communications Committee want to refurbish the sign and use it as another venue to get news out (email exchange distributed). The Communications Committee does not have a budget. They are asking that parks cover the cost. The Rec Board is in favor of improving communication, but the location and concept is not feasible.

Fishing Derby

The Rec Board is not interested in holding a fishing derby and feels that the concept has run its course.

Discussion on Clark Field Memorial

Clark Field is located inside Lombardi Park. Vincent Greco, a resident, feels that Clark should get its own designation as a park. Matt Trainor had a discussion with Mr. Greco and feels the memorial should stay where it is because it is in a high traffic area and is visible.

Next meeting is Tuesday, August 5th at 6:15pm