

**TOWN OF NORTH CASTLE
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD ("PRAB")
Minutes of July 5, 2016 Meeting**

In Attendance: Norma Hill, Karl Hinrichs, Brendan Malloy, Dan Zenkel, Frank Lattarulo, Charlene Decker, Matt Trainor, Lisa Larsen

Absent: Susan Lichten, Steve D'Angelo

The Minutes of the June 7, 2016 meeting were accepted and approved.

Dan Zenkel ran the meeting in Susan Lichten's absence.

Update on Wampus Brook Park South: The bids are back and Town Board is expected to award the bid for construction, cost in \$500,000 range, at its next meeting on July 13th. This item was tabled once already and the town engineers are satisfied with the bid. The PRAB supports the project but is very disappointed with the price; the PRAB was always under the impression the cost would end up being in the \$200,000-\$300,000 range. The PRAB has asked to receive the bid document showing a breakdown of where and how the money will be spent.

A motion was passed that, after much consideration and debate, the PRAB supports moving forward with the approval of the bid currently being considered for Wampus Brook Park South Project by the Town Board. Although the PRAB is supporting the project at this time, it wishes to express a major concern with the overall cost and what it does to its ability to explore other major projects for the foreseeable future.

Camp 2016 Report/Update: Today is the first day of camp. A handout was distributed showing enrollment numbers; the numbers are right on target where we expect them to be at this point in time. Buses are always a problem for a few days. The camp directors are exceptional and the school district has been fantastic.

Pool 2016 Report/Update: A handout showing membership numbers was distributed. We currently have 436 households as compared to 455 total households last year. We will get close to meeting last year's number of 455. We are considering opening the pool a week earlier with earlier hours next year and maybe offering a three-week aqua camp. Dan Zenkel has requested year-to-date numbers showing revenue and number of members; August will paint a more accurate picture.

Final Consideration/Recommendation of the Donation of a Butterfly Garden by Marnie Levy for Eric Levy: Matt Trainor will write a memo to the Town Board with the PRAB recommendation to not take the butterfly garden.

Request from Zenaida Bongaarts and the Conservation Board to Consider Naming the Wampus Brook Park South Property for John Fava: The PRAB reviewed an application submitted by Zenaida Bongaarts on behalf of the North Castle Conservation Board in support of the naming of Wampus Brook Park South for John F. Fava.

At this time the PRAB supports the application and recommends that the Town Board move forward with the request, provided that a background check is conducted with satisfactory results on Mr. Fava. The PRAB will request to apply the background check requirement to all future naming applications to ensure the character of proposed honorees.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 8/2 at 6:15 PM