TOWN OF NORTH CASTLE

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Minutes of March 4, 2014 Meeting

In Attendance: Joe DiMauro, Tony Milone, Susan Lichten, Dan Zenkel, Patrick McCarthy, Frank Benish, Stephen D'Angelo, Joan Goldberg, Adam Kaufman, Matt Trainor, Lisa Larsen, Karl Hinrichs, Charlene Decker, Frank Lattarulo

Minutes from the February 4th meeting were amended and approved.

Wampus Brook Park South Discussion/Recommendation to the Town Board - Adam Kaufman

As a follow up to the public meeting, more people would prefer parking to be adjacent to Elide Plaza; they don't want huge shade trees and all wanted improvement along Maple Avenue; it's a combination of Plans B and C.

A motion was made and passed to recommend to Town Board Alternative B with parking and screening relocated to the eastern side. Adam Kaufman will try to have John Fava draw up a new conceptual plan that can be put forth to Town Board.

Online Registration Update - Matt Trainor

Vermont Systems will be out the week of 4/14 to do installation and training. Online registration will likely start in the fall.

Vending Machine Update

RFP is out; sent to 10-12 companies. Answers are due back on 3/28. RFP was not sent to present company; we are looking to change.

Update on Bike Path

Bike Path subject is on list for a future Town Board work session.

Repair Schedule/Playground Repair Bids - Matt Trainor

A bid document has been prepared and will be going out soon. We have Town Board's authorization to go out to bid.

Camp/Advertising 2014

Alison Simon and Jon Rick are working to produce camp videos. All About Armonk is working on an article. Matt Trainor will reach out to the Pre-School Association this week. Feedback regarding holding camp at Coman Hill is positive. Joe DiMauro asked for feedback regarding having a water slide at the pool? Matt Trainor would have to see it. A slide would require its own separate section in the safety plan as well as a separate lifeguard.

NCPT Pool

Joe DiMauro has sent a letter out to membership; the pool will open this year.

TV Purchases for Hergenhan and NCCC

TV's have been purchased. Installed at NCCC and kids are enjoying playing WII. Hergenhan tv will be installed in a week.

Board Membership for 2014

Town Board is currently interviewing candidates; a decision will likely be reached for next month's meeting.

Armonk Baseball League Plans for Town Hall Field/ IBM Field 1

Frank Lattarulo started the discussion. ABL is going to scrap the Town Hall project and turn IBM 1 into a softball field exclusively. The initial plan is all-skin infield, clay backstop, dugouts, stands, sprinklers and drainage. Cost approximately \$30,000. ABL is asking Town to go 50/50. ABL would like to hold Opening Day on this field.

Joan Goldberg said work has to be prevailing wage because it is being done on Town property. Steve D'Angelo said there is money in fund balance if we decide to do this. Dan Zenkel feels that ABL should not get sign revenue and \$15,000 from Town. Steve D'Angelo asks why a private organization should pay for the maintenance of Town fields.

Sign revenue was supposed to offset maintenance fees. Town Board never approved the fee schedule; they just accepted the letter.

Joe DiMauro said that the Rec Board voted and approved the signs and for league fees to be charged in 2012. Town Board apparently disagreed and enacted a signage policy. This was never communicated back to the Rec Board.

The Rec Board passed a motion to the Town Board to share half the cost of fixing IBM 1 up to \$15,000, but not greater than 50% of the total cost. Joan Goldberg asked to please report before September so that items can be included in the budget.

Parking Behind Hergenhan Recreation Center

The Rec Board passed a resolution last year (view previous Minutes) to allow parking behind the recreation center.

Westchester Bicycle Club - June Event

This was a fine event; there was no issue with garbage. Group was told they would have to find other parking than IBM.

Discussion on ABL Lease Agreement Renewal for Cox Avenue

The lease is up and needs to be renewed; contracts were distributed. Do we want to look to continue the \$1 agreement considering the improvements that ABL does or go another route? Don Brandes said the roof has to be replaced. Matt Trainor to find out what the building utility costs are. Karl Hinrichs asked if the building is an asset to the Parks & Recreation Department and if it is a building that we would want to keep, it must be maintained. The building does not house Town offices, so it is put to the end of the pile. Groups should be responsible for heat. Let them keep money from signage.

A motion is put forth to the Town Board to extend the current lease to June 30th as we find out the cost of running the building and necessary repairs.

Discussion of ABL Signage Fundraiser

All money that ABL brings in goes back out into the fields. ABL only keeps \$50,000 in an emergency fund. A motion was put forth and passed to approve signage and that signage money will be earmarked for capital improvements and projects, excluding the development of the softball field on IBM 1.

Next meeting is Tuesday, April 1st at 6:15pm