

**TOWN OF NORTH CASTLE
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD ("PRAB")
Minutes of May 2, 2017 Meeting**

In Attendance: Susan Lichten, Karl Hinrichs, Brendan Molloy, Charlene Decker, Matt Trainor, Lisa Larsen, Barbara DiGiacinto, Lois Mallin

Absent: Dan Zenkel, Frank Lattarulo, Norma Hill, Steve D'Angelo

Minutes of the April 4, 2017 meeting were accepted and approved.

General Projects Update

1. Parks Signage - Karl Hinrichs needs to get together with Kevin Foley, Parks Foreman and Matt Trainor to brainstorm and inventory.
2. Betsy Sluder - Parks staff will fix in-house, some of the low areas with poor drainage.
3. NCCC Deck - We are hoping to have CO by the end of next week.

Retirement of Don Brandes, Promotion of Kevin Foley to Parks Foreman, and Parks Operations Moving

Forward Spring/Summer 2017: The department is severely short of staff and seasonal workers are hard to find; two seasonal interviews will be held this week. Highway and Water & Sewer are also interviewing and will send us potential candidates as well. This is relevant as to how we tackle projects. A brush mower was ordered-Wampus Brook Park South will be mowed. Community Park bathroom facility job is on Town Administrator's desk.

Update on Pool Operations 2017: The pool has been drained and washed; some patching on the pool deck is needed; the canopy by the concession stand has been replaced; and we will be looking to landscape. There is a lifeguard shortage countywide - Matt will send Brendan information that can be posted to Facebook.

Update on Camp Operations 2017: Staffing is doing well and applications keep trickling in; key positions have been filled. We are waiting on final Health Department inspections; we have approval from Wampus and Coman Hill. Revenue/Expense Comparison Control Report was distributed - we will make assumptions after the early bird rate deadlines for camp and pool.

North White Plains - Fountain Park: Barbara DiGiacinto was contacted by local North White Plains (NWP) residents regarding Fountain Park. Fountain Park is directly down Clove Road, is more of a passive setting that has fallen by the wayside. Matt and Barbara have recently walked the facility. Barbara spoke with the PRAB on behalf of the residents - they are asking for this park to be a passive park, to keep it natural looking, but to keep the path clear. They don't want the Highway Department to take over the park; they want to work out a plan as to where to keep the millings. There is very little parkland in North White Plains - they would just like a walking space. The park is used primarily by local residents in walking distance. Brendan Molloy commented that it seems like we are making a park just for NWP, Armonk people should be able to go. Barbara DiGiacinto would like to be included in discussions with Matt Trainor, Jamie Norris, and Joan Goldberg.

Farewell to Susan Lichten: Susan, who has served on the PRAB for nine or ten years, and as Chairman of the PRAB more recently, is relocating. The PRAB members wished Susan well and thanked her for her many years of service and dedication.

The meeting was closed and adjourned at 8:00 PM.

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