

**TOWN OF NORTH CASTLE
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD ("PRAB")
Minutes of May 2, 2023 Meeting**

In Attendance: Karl Hinrichs, Brendan Molloy, Brian Baranaskas, Norma Hill, Sharon Weiss, Brad Lerman, Matt Milim, Matt Trainor, Lisa Larsen

Absent: Jeff Scott

Guest: Matt Woodard

Minutes: Minutes of the April 11th meeting were accepted and approved.

OLD BUSINESS - UPDATES

Lombardi Park and IBM Field Project Concepts Discussion Update: Next step at Lombardi Park is for the engineer to get good soil samples. Fill might come from the Eagle Ridge project, so it will pay for itself. Water hookup is in progress. Parking spaces will be laid out with a good striping plan. Questions concerning IBM - what type of field, artificial turf or grass? Do we want to include a baseball field? If turf, the edges will require a concrete border curbing. There will be a lot of rectangular space moving over to turf section of IBM #1. PRAB decided not to pursue a baseball field on IBM #1. The next step is for the engineer to gather numbers to determine costs - #1 is to be rectangular turf, #2 is to be baseball and lights. Next step for PRAB - Kellard will bring views and costs to the June PRAB meeting and then bring that information for discussion at Town Board meeting. Matt Woodard, who is on the Executive Board of Byram Hills Youth Soccer, was a guest in attendance. There are 742 kids playing soccer - we want these kids to be out playing, even when it rains. Matt indicated that the soccer club is willing to contribute to lighting IBM #4 to help baseball. Superintendent Trainor said some municipalities do a surcharge fee per person per head, which is collected to help fund larger projects. The advantage is to not have to lay out a large sum of money at one time. Adding late to the IBM #1 turf discussion, Member Baranaskas said the field is short, so it would be better to turf #1 and #2 - cost comes into play in a major way. By putting turf on #1, he said we would be getting something but less than ideal.

Lombardi Park Water Upgrades: We are waiting for OLA to complete bid specs. Superintendent Trainor, Kellard Associates engineers, and Director of Water and Sewer Sal Misiti are working together with the hopes of being able to supply public water to Lombardi Park over the summer.

Pool: The pool is currently empty and the pool gutters have been tested for water loss. Staff will meet with engineers to walk inside the shell of the pool to indicate the next steps required. Ralph is lined up to operate the concession stand this summer. More shade and a heated pool are always topics for discussion. Liaison Milim does not want to lose membership before the pool is owned longer term.

Wampus Brook Park Lighting: The project will be put out to bid shortly. We are currently waiting on structural specifications on bases for new light posts.

Wampus Brook Park North Bridge: To be scheduled.

Wampus Brook Park South: Cleaned up and grass is growing. Chairman Hinrichs shared plans from 2015 with Carol Bidjarano of the Beautification Committee and will discuss with Members Hill and Weiss of the PRAB sub-committee.

Beautification Committee Donation Items: The statue will be delivered to the Hergenhan Community Center next week. Beautification Committee members have concerns over the concrete bases affecting the height of the statue. Lead Maintenance Mechanic Anthony Ruvo is a master craftsman and Superintendent Trainor is confident that the statue will fit as originally expected - PRAB input is wanted. Mushrooms will be an agenda item for the June PRAB meeting. Superintendent Trainor will instruct Parks staff to temporarily place the mushrooms in Wampus Brook Park for discussion and next steps.

Donations Conversation: The existing guidelines document is in good shape - Superintendent Trainor is making some small changes to the 'process once approved' section with some minor wording changes that were discussed. He will distribute a final version next month at which time a recommendation can be made to the Town Board for approval.

Trails and Paths: Liaison Milim mentioned land - 60 acres donated by Vito Errico near Wampus Pond on Byram Lake Road. No bike trails are allowed, but there can be walking paths. He was going to touch base with Member Scott to coordinate a date for members to walk this land. Also mentioned as a possibility for walking trails was Cats Rock Park.

Registration System Crash: Superintendent Trainor is hoping to work out all of the kinks with Vermont Systems to be able to try the lottery system for the Fall registration. Liaison Milim wants to see us increase supply of classes and address needs in a bigger way. Jen Lamia has already reached out to Superintendent Trainor advising that we can occupy more space in the schools for after-school programming.

Pickleball - North White Plains Community Center Gym: The gym will be lined in a bright color lengthwise for a pickleball court - quote received is for \$2,100.

Next Meeting: 6/6/23

The meeting adjourned at 8:10PM.