

TOWN OF NORTH CASTLE
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
Minutes of November 19, 2013 Meeting

In Attendance - Joe DiMauro, Dan Zenkel, Tony Milone, Frank Benish, John Cronin, Pat McCarthy, Adam Kaufman, Steve D'Angelo, Sue Shimer, Brian Harp, Joan Goldberg, Matt Trainor, Lisa Larsen **Absent** - Vito Errico, George Alvarez, Susan Lichten

Minutes from October meeting were accepted.

Budget For 2014

- Preliminary budget put forth to Town Board. Handouts of 2013 expense comparison and revenue control were distributed. In general, we are ahead on revenue and expense.

Tennis Courts Renewal Contracts

- Contracts are signed, sealed and delivered. The parking lot will be paved early next year, which also includes the repair of the path.

Online Registration Update

- The Hergenhan Center is linked to Town Hall. We will bid out new servers likely to be installed in January. We will also have the capability to accept credit cards.

Vending Machine Update

- Report distributed. Community Park beverage machine continues to show zero sales, which is highly unlikely and virtually impossible. A motion was passed to put out a new bid.

Update On Bike Path

- Adam Kaufman met with the transportation engineer to discuss expanding Old Route 22/Main Street/Bedford Road. This will be more expensive and they are investigating its feasibility. Dan Zenkel feels it is ridiculous to send people on bikes down Main Street.

Repair Schedule

- Bids for basement waterproofing were found in Susan Snyder's office. Two written bids from \$31-36,000 were received for Wampus gazebo repair. The oil tank in the Community Park building is in the process of being removed.
- Playground repairs are safety issues and a priority. Matt Trainor met with GameTime. Some items were manufacturing issues. We spend \$3,000 to inspect five playgrounds.

Community Park Paddle Court Renovation

- Repair work finished except installation of the nets. The lights should be working by Thanksgiving weekend.

Update On Landscape Design For Maple Avenue/Bedford Road Property

- Phase I is complete, trees are down. The original plan was to clear the entire lot. There have been a number of complaints from residents concerning the loss of screening. Adam Kaufman met with the Town Engineer who suggests to essentially do nothing and to keep everything that is low to the ground. Once this is a park, any future work would be considered maintenance and we won't be able to use rec subdivision fees.
- Joan Goldberg needs clarification as to the Rec Board's vision to present to Town Board at 11/20/13 meeting. It was decided to clear trees with change order and to leave 30 trees and clean brush. Phase II is amended to clean up the brush and maintain the health of the undergrowth; kill Phase III. Administrator Goldberg has to go back and talk with Gentile.

Quarry Heights And Straus Park Renovation

- John Cronin said work on Straus Park is on hold; it is built on a landfill.
- Quarry Heights playground received the best inspection report of all the playgrounds.
- There was a motion to reinstate the Johnson Tract process. Reach out to Kellard to start the work.

Camp Advertising 2014 / Camp Kick-A-Poo Facilities / ALE Pool And Future

- We will have internal discussions regarding a teen camp format.
- Much discussion about whether Camp Kick-A-Poo should be held at Coman Hill or at another location, possibly the pool or Armonk Tennis Club. Trailers would have to be put at the pool location. Coman Hill has all of the facilities; there are date/custodial logistics that are being looked into.
- Joe DiMauro, NCPT, needs to know the decision for the summer as far as planning goes. Everything would have to be bid out. Matt Trainor will look into the real cost of trailers. John Cronin is very opposed to hold camp at Coman Hill. Administrator Goldberg said that camp should be held at Coman Hill this year given timing and logistics.

Begin Discussion For Objectives And Goals For 2014

- Dan Zenkel distributed results of monkey survey. Joe DiMauro asked all members to start thinking about goals and objectives.

Request From Chabad For A Chanukah Gathering At Wampus Brook Park On 12/2

- A request was made for a non-religious gathering. This will be fine subject to the Town Attorney's approval; all were in favor.

Board Membership For 2014

- Dan Zenkel interested in continuing to serve. Pat McCarthy would like to take the place of Vita Errico.

Wampus Brook Park Christmas Lights

- Only 12 snowflakes are operational per Don Brandes. Rec Board approves the spending of \$1,500 to buy new snowflakes.

North White Plains Bingo Board

- The Seniors would like an electronic bingo board. John Cronin said that you can buy software that can be projected on a screen. This is transportable and would be able to be used in Armonk as well. A motion was passed to spend \$2,000 for this software.

Next meeting is Tuesday, December 2nd