

**TOWN OF NORTH CASTLE  
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD ("PRAB")  
Minutes of November 14, 2023 Meeting**

**In Attendance:** Karl Hinrichs, Jeff Scott, Sharon Weiss, Brad Lerman, Brian Baranaskas, Matt Milim, Matt Trainor, Lisa Larsen

**Absent:** Brendan Molloy, Norma Hill

**Guest:** Bob Candrea

**Minutes:** Minutes of the October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting were accepted and approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Minutes from May 3, 2022:** The Minutes were prepared, from a video and an audio recording of the meeting, and were accepted and approved.

**IBM Field Project:** The engineers have dug test holes. Bid specs are being put together. There is no major concern.

**Lombardi Park Water:** Superintendent Trainor has received a comparative estimate for redirecting the well. He will pass this information first to Town Board. Liaison Milim is concerned about spending \$300k for three bathrooms and a water fountain.

**Pool:** Pressure tests have been completed; there were no leaks in the lines themselves - coming more from the gutter system. Kellard has the results and Superintendent Trainor is pushing them to put together their master proposal. Kellard met with DOH and most of the legwork is done bringing the pool water up to speed. As to whether the pool will open this summer, Superintendent Trainor said that the probability is 70/30 in favor of opening. He is currently waiting for Torlish Wells & Pumps to evaluate flow rates.

**Wampus Brook Park Lighting / Electrical:** Three bids were returned; two were close in price and one was significantly lower. The low bidder is a reputable contractor. Superintendent Trainor will set up a meeting to review all the specs to make certain nothing was left out while determining their bid cost. The start date will be after 12/1 and by 3/1/24, weather permitting.

**Trails:** PRAB member Jeff Scott thinks it's important from the survey feedback to extend the sidewalk project now from Main Street to Beascakes Bakery. He has concerns as to who is or should be taking ownership of this project. Chairman Hinrichs recommends to move the sidewalk project forward. Superintendent Trainor said this probably starts with Town Planner Adam Kaufman. Adam is looking for a master plan and perspective on the overall Town moving forward. PRAB member Brian Baranaskas said PRAB has no control over the process - Matt Trainor will converse with Adam Kaufman. Jeff Scott wants separate agenda items listed for sidewalks and trails.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NCCC Gym Padding:** This project has been approved. It's a two-day project, but the process from start to finish will come to completion in approximately six weeks.

**Clove Road NCCC Fields:** Bob Candrea has been with Kensico Little League for 27 years. In early October he asked Superintendent Matt Trainor and Town Administrator Kevin Hay to meet regarding field renovations. Town Board wants more background as to what is being asked. Superintendent Trainor compares the scope of work similar to that of

Lombardi Park. The fields are very uneven and have dips. They drain properly if pitched correctly, which they no longer are. Mr. Candrea has an independent contractor who will level, pitch and sod both fields, the larger field for \$80k and the smaller field for \$50k. The price would increase once Town engineers are engaged. Member Jeff Scott thinks this make sense and seems achievable. Superintendent Trainor is not clear if the Town Board will be comfortable for bidding without engineering consultation. A concern of Planner Adam Kaufman is this has to be part of an overall plan. Liaison Milim is very against and would be a big problem if the master plan is going to cause major delays for turf project on IBM 1 and 2. A final thought from Mr. Candrea - the Town should be evaluating their fields proactively, not waiting for the youth organizations to come to the Town.

**Liz Duffy Retirement:** Superintendent Trainor mentioned that Liz Duffy will be retiring at the end of the year. She has been a huge resource and asset to the department. She has asked to stay on a part-time role to help as needed. Civil Service exams were just given so the lists should be fresh with possible new candidates to hire. Chairman Hinrichs reflected on PRAB member Norma Hill's desire to find someone who has a broader approach.

**Next Meeting:** 12/5/23

The meeting adjourned at 7:20PM.