

**TOWN OF NORTH CASTLE**  
**Parks & Recreation Advisory Board**  
**Minutes of September 17, 2013 Meeting**

**In Attendance** - Joe DiMauro, Frank Benish, Dan Zenkel, Susan Lichten, Tony Milone, John Cronin, Adam Kaufman, Joan Goldberg, Matt Trainor, Lisa Larsen, Cathryn Kaehr, Pat McCarthy, David Africk, Debbie Heidecorn **Absent** - Vito Errico, George Alvarez

**Minutes** from August meeting were accepted.

**2013 Budget - August Update**

- Handouts distributed; revenue up. Discussion regarding field lights. We are billed 12 months for lights. We charge groups \$100 for two hours. The initial turn on is a big cost. There is a \$32,000 shortfall.
- 2014 budget looking to fill Superintendent position as well as another Rec Leader position.

**Update On Turf Field Project**

- Nothing to report; John Cronin will ask Adam Kaufman for feedback.

**Winker Park - Status Of Work Schedule / Bench Donation**

- Bench purchased and assembled; waiting on plaque. Work completed; park looks great.
- There was some vandalism; car driven onto basketball court leaving tire tracks.

**Tennis Courts Renewal Contracts**

- Joan Goldberg and Roland Baroni met with Tim Shea. Deal has to be finalized. Give Tim until Wednesday 9/25. Draft a letter; tell him to sign it or we are done.

**Status Of Washington Headquarters Relocation**

- Told by County Executive that documents will be submitted by early October.

**Summer Camp Status Update**

- Very proud of Camp Chippewa and Camp Kick-A-Poo numbers; revenue up; must decide whether or not to offer the Teen Tour or decide on another option for this age group.
- A camp sub-committee has been formed; Dan Zenkel will head this committee.

**Online Registration Update**

- IT, Con Edison and Verizon will be walking the poles on Wednesday 9/18; streamlining lines next week. John Cronin asked Matt Trainor to move along the process to purchase the software.

**Friends Of North Castle Parks**

- John Cronin said an attorney has agreed to draft bi-laws pro bono.

**Parking - Update From Town Board Meeting**

- Town Board is not opposed to the idea of adding more parking spaces to the back of the Hergenhan Center. Want to wait for CVS work to be done so the road will be one way instead of two way access.

**Vending Machine Update**

- Letter from David Pour distributed. \$59 profit in July. Dan Zenkel to call the company; thinking about cancelling the contract.

**Revisited Repair Schedule With Matt**

- Safety company coming out to visit all playgrounds and to repair minor things.
- Distributed 5/21/12 memo from Susan Snyder to Howard Arden and the Town Board regarding repairs and improvements. It was suggested to put this list in an Excel spreadsheet prioritizing the items and adding the spreadsheet to each agenda meeting.

### **Update On Bike Path**

- We are better off expanding on the existing trail within Wampus Brook Park. Keep trail on east side of park; we will not need new bridge. There is enough width to expand path for bicyclists and pedestrians.
- Positive feedback from Byram Hills High School. Two concerns are insurance for injury and an opt out if things don't work out well.
- We want to get to a position where the Town Board can vote on the project. Total cost for all phases; low side \$750,000, high side double that.

### **Dog Park Committee Update**

- Nothing discussed; no members present.

### **Art Show Status Report**

- Friends pay \$1,500 - \$2,000 for field repair. They contribute money for grass seed. They return Monday morning to rake up the hay and empty the garbage. The worst damage is caused by cars driving on the field.
- Sam Morell needs \$8,000 - \$10,000 to run summer concerts. Friends were asked to donate for this program. They will go to their Board for a vote. Joe DiMauro and/or Matt Trainor will write up a proposal.
- Rec Department will bill Friends for labor, equipment, Parks staff overtime, and other expenses as necessary.

### **Community Park Paddle Court Renovation Status**

- Is this a priority? A small group uses the courts at night in the winter. It will cost approximately \$20,000 to renovate the courts. Make a decision at the next meeting.

### **Clove Road Bocce Court Renovation**

- \$10,000 to rebuild. This is a very involved process. Maybe could be a project for an Eagle Scout.

### **Update On Landscape Design For Maple Avenue/Bedford Road Property**

- Handout distributed. Waiting for Rocco Tree estimate to clear rest of the land. Two potential issues are the fire horn and the water treatment pump station.
- A motion was made to support this project pending Joan Goldberg's estimate.

### **Mike Jones Memorial Tree**

- Cathryn Kaehr speaking about Mike Jones, who worked with kids of all ages playing soccer, was randomly murdered in New York City in October 2012. Handout with photos distributed.
- Location possibly the left side of IBM track. We don't want the memorial in the way of improvements being made. It is up to the Rec Board to determine where and what would be most fitting; there is no real policy for memorials set yet. It is important to come up with a policy for memorials.
- Columbus Day event, 10/14, at IBM to unveil stone and tree. There will be a raffle, carnival, soccer (local coaches versus Red Bull coaches).
- Town Board felt the stone is very large and they envisioned something that would lay flat on the ground. If the Town wants it smaller, then it can just be dug deeper in the ground.
- There was a motion to approve a 3 1/2 foot statue to be presented to Town Board; all were in favor.

### **Strauss Park**

- Town is going to seize foreclosure property next year and maybe make this part of the park.

### **Quarry Heights Field**

- This is a location for a recreation-dedicated soccer or lacrosse field. Joan Goldberg will contact contractors to figure cost estimate for a field 300 x 180 feet.

### **Halloween On Main Street**

- Town supplied candy to the merchants on Main Street because of the Halloween snow storm. Possibly plan an event like this again, starting at the recreation center with cider and donuts to kick-off the event.