

TOWN OF NORTH CASTLE
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD ("PRAB")
Minutes of September 3, 2019 Meeting

In Attendance: Karl Hinrichs, Brendan Molloy, Norma Hill, Lois Mallin, Steve D'Angelo, Todd Orlowski, Jennifer Giusti, Lisa Larsen

Absent: Frank Lattarulo, Dan Zenkel

Minutes of the August 6, 2019 meeting were accepted and approved.

CXT Bathrooms for Community Park: Superintendent Orlowski expects soil testing results to be returned within five to ten business days, to determine proper soil conditions for the sub-base of the building. Highway Foreman Norris is in full support of excavation. Director Misiti of Water and Sewer said the scope of the job is too intricate to be handled in-house, and should be handled by an experienced plumber and electrician. CXT can deliver the building in four to five weeks once in production. We do not want to move ahead until the soil testing is complete.

Wampus Bridge Renovations: The larger south end bridge is in fabrication; engineers must have the reconstruction of the bridge completed and installed by November 15th. Superintendent Orlowski had discussions with Parks Foreman Foley regarding the smaller north bridge. Foreman Foley feels confident that this project can be handled in-house, with two men over a three-week period, using the engineered plans.

Dam Projects – Duck Pond & Betsy Sluder: AquaWorks is in the process of rebuilding and repairing concrete sections of dams to restore them back to their original purpose. Sections have significantly deteriorated. Department is anticipating the work at Betsy Sluder to be scheduled for completion in late October. Then, AquaWorks will proceed to Duck Pond.

Personnel: Jerry Stroud's last day in the office will be Friday 9/6. He will use accumulated time and officially retire in November. The department will look to hire a Senior Recreation Leader or a Recreation Supervisor to fill the vacancy following an evaluation of responsibilities. Roger Zepp of Parks is expected to retire in November or December of this year as well.

Wampus Brook Park South: Superintendent Orlowski is in discussions with Brian of Kellard Sessions to clean up the park in stages. Karl Hinrichs expressed frustration regarding no forward progress. He would like the PRAB to come up with a three to four-year plan to get the work done in phases and to have a progressive approach – not starting and stopping, starting and stopping. He has asked the Superintendent to begin researching a short term plan for the capital improvement project.

Superintendent's Report:

- Parks Department is reconstructing the infield of field 1 at North White Plains to run 70' and 90' base paths – this will permit the field to be used by for both levels of play as requested by the little league. Work should be completed within the next two weeks.
- Pool is closed for the season – we plan to evaluate needs and changes for next year. Revenue report will be distributed at next PRAB meeting – revenue fell short approximately \$25,000. The pool heaters are not in working condition – they must be replaced. Assistant Superintendent Guisti has a few other pieces of equipment that need replacing/upgrades. However, the department will not allocate resources to replace anything until the Town finalizes ownership of the pool.

Discussion ensued about the sale of the pool complex and what information is needed for the Attorney General to bring it to completion. Steve D'Angelo reported some basics to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. They are still working with ALE representatives on the information for the Attorney General. The Advisory Board expressed concern with the timeline. There are needs for improving the complex and they cannot be addressed as long as the sale does not finalize. Town Board has asked many questions; Town Attorney Baroni advised to stay out of discussions and let ALE work it out. PRAB members have asked Steve D'Angelo to follow up with Roland Baroni. Some questions raised by PRAB members: How much money are the bond holders owed? Are there approximately 300 – 400 bond holders? How long can a state of limbo exist? What is the question posed to the Attorney General? Basically, the Attorney General has to approve the sale – Town Board approved the purchase of the pool in 2017.

The meeting was closed and adjourned at 7:15PM.

Next Meeting: Thursday 10/3 at 6:15PM