

**TOWN OF NORTH CASTLE
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD ("PRAB")
Minutes of December 5, 2023 Meeting**

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

Absent: Brendan Molloy, Jeff Scott

Minutes: Minutes of the November 14th meeting were accepted and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

IBM Field Project: Superintendent Trainor has no updates, and there appears to be no red flags.

Lombardi Park Water: Kellard's estimate to rehab the well is \$370k. It's more practical to go to public water main line, spending an additional \$100-300k, to get infrastructure.

Pool: There are no significant leaks in the pipe system. The pumps work, but parts for the pumps are no longer being manufactured. They weren't pulling enough water to achieve flow rates. Kellard has a draft proposal for repairing the general infrastructure of the pool. The odds of opening the pool next year are still at 70% in favor. If the DOH knows we are taking necessary steps forward, then they will most likely let us operate. Two items that are consistently an issue - the interior pool surface and the pool deck.

Wampus Brook Park Lighting / Electrical: Town Board has approved this project. The Town Clerk and Town Attorney are waiting for final paperwork and insurance. All indications are that the contractor is ready to start and plans are in place to finish by spring.

Trails: Superintendent Trainor said this topic is out of the PRAB jurisdiction. Regarding extending the sidewalks down Main Street, Liaison Milim feels the PRAB need someone to champion and push project forward. This topic will be a recurring agenda item.

Wampus North Bridge: Job still needs to be scheduled. We are down one parks member - Anthony Ruvo needs three men for one week to complete this job. Liaison Milim thought a donation from the Lions could be possible and in turn could tie down a deadline for completion. This topic will be a recurring agenda item.

NCCC Gym Padding: The mats are in manufacturing and will be ready in a few more weeks. AYSO and Holy Name of Jesus are renting out the gym space regularly. The gym will not be open for drop-in play - we want participants to register and make a commitment - this will help to staff the facility appropriately.

Clove Road NCCC Fields: Liaison Milim spoke to several people involved with Kensico Little League. Both feel the need is for ongoing maintenance instead of capital maintenance projects. Superintendent Trainor doesn't feel it hurts to get engineering feedback. There needs to be an honest assessment instead of just giving us another project.

NEW BUSINESS

IBM Bubble Lease / RFP: The lease expires in August 2024. Superintendent Trainor has skeleton RFP. Liaison Milim will request a Town Board work session in January. Is there the desire or need to take the bubble down? How to deal with sport team prioritization?

Dog Park: Residents have approached Liaison Milim to pursue making a dog park at IBM Community Park in between the bathrooms and the platform tennis courts. Chairman Hinrichs stated that he is personally opposed to dog parks. He is not in favor of the IBM location because of all the foot and car traffic. He is asking the PRAB to brainstorm for other locations prior to next month's meeting. Liaison Milim has requested everyone to answer one week before the January meeting so no more time is wasted.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25PM.