

TOWN OF NORTH CASTLE
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
Minutes of February 4, 2014 Meeting

In Attendance: Joe DiMauro, Tony Milone, Susan Lichten, Dan Zenkel, Patrick McCarthy, Frank Benish, Stephen D'Angelo, Joan Goldberg, Adam Kaufman, Rocco Troiano, Matt Trainor, Lisa Larsen

Absent: George Alvarez

Minutes from the January 7th meeting were approved and accepted.

Wampus Brook Park South Discussion and Public Input - Adam Kaufman

Adam Kaufman presented four park layout options (handout distributed). Elements can be incorporated between the four options. They are not final, they are all conceptual in nature and he welcomes new ideas and comments from the public. There are four major issues to be addressed in the alternative layouts:

1. What type of activities should be provided at park?
2. Where should parking be provided? How much parking should be provided?
3. What improvements should be made to the Wampus River, if any?
4. Can/should vehicular access to park be provided through Elide Plaza?

Members of the public were invited to speak; their comments follow below:

1. Ann Dantzig - Questioned the "useful" uses for the space. Concerned about the location of the crosswalk. Not comfortable with being in a partnership with a private landlord regarding use of the parking lot. There are strict guidelines for commercial property parking spaces. Concerned if tenants will have adequate parking especially when the Town holds special events. Wants as little money spent on the project as possible. Concerned about the cost of maintenance. A simple plan can be very beautiful.
2. Sue Berenson - Agrees with Ann that you don't have to go crazy, but it needs some beautification. Would like to see parking in the back or on the side given the number of AA meetings held daily/weekly at the church and cars are parked all over and anywhere now.
3. Norma Hill - Concerned about people turning right on red at the traffic light. Wants to know the plan for number of parking spaces. Would like to have open space; are we building a park or parking lot? Concerned about maintenance. The general maintenance at Wampus Brook Park North is terrible. Before we do an elaborate plan on Wampus Brook Park South, maybe we should work on a plan to improve Wampus Brook Park North. Would have liked residents of Wampus Close to have been invited to serve on the Committee for their input.
4. Ed Woodyard - Likes the idea to continue both parks, gives unity. Open spaces and lawns provide quiet space. Great spot to hold outdoor classes such as yoga in the warmer months. Also great for extra parking for special events, such as Frosty Day for example.
5. Karl Hinrichs - The stream is a great focal point and it makes sense to continue the two parks. Would like to have some benches situated for a serenity-type atmosphere. Would like to see parking on the side of Elide Plaza. Doesn't want the two parks separated by a parking lot. Would prefer gravel for the parking lot and paved walkways. Raised the question about what to do with the pumping station.
6. Carol Capone - Agrees with all of the comments above. Would like to see paved walkways, and possibly a shelter area would be nice. She would like some consideration given for visitors with small children who come to the downtown area, something small that children can play on.

Online Registration Update - Matt Trainor

The servers are being installed. Handout distributed. The next phase is to buy the package. The final quote from Vermont Systems is on the 2/12 Town Board meeting Agenda. This is not only online registrations, but also the ability to take credit cards. We need a software component in order to move forward. Vermont Systems never previously put a license limit; it costs more beyond two licenses.

Vending Machine Update

Handout distributed. A RFP will be included on the 2/12 Town Board meeting Agenda. Two machines are still sitting in the IBM Community Park building since September waiting to be picked up.

Update on Bike - Adam Kaufman

The traffic engineer was to follow up with New York State; haven't heard anything back. Adam Kaufman hasn't pursued moving forward with the bike path because he doesn't know where the Rec Board stands on the issue. Steve D'Angelo will address this issue at upcoming Town Board work session since there are three new Board members to discuss how to proceed with the bike path.

Repair Schedule - Matt Trainor

The same company who did the playground inspections has also quoted on repairs of \$37,000. The playgrounds have to either be repaired or be closed down. The Rec Board approved a motion to go out to bid with all Class A and Class B hazards.

The oil tank has been removed from the IBM Community Park building.

John Kellard visited the Hergenhan basement looking to possibly do a new drainage system. There is a humidity issue; people are going to come to price out a dehumidification system.

Camp/Advertising 2014

It has been approved for Camp Kick-A-Poo to be held at Coman Hill school. Allison Simon will create videos for the website; use Michelle Boyle of All About Armonk; reach out to the Pre-School Association; put information on the Town Facebook page.

ALE Pool

Joe DiMauro will provide Dan Zenkel with the requested information as soon as possible.

Discussion of Objectives and Goals for 2014

A handout of 2013 Accomplishments was distributed to the Board. Dan Zenkel made minor edits to this handout and sent the new version to Mike Schiliro; this new version was not distributed to the Board at the time of this meeting.

TV / Bingo Purchases for Hergenhan and NCCC

Two flat screen televisions, one for Hergenhan and one for NCCC will be purchased for Bingo and Wii. Purchase Orders have been issued.

Board Membership for 2014

Town Board is currently interviewing candidates.

Armonk Baseball League Plans for Town Hall Field - Rocco Troiano

ABL wants to put money back in the fields and foot the bill together with the Town. ABL funds aren't as free as they used to be. There are approx. 5-600 kids between baseball and softball. Plans are to extend first and third base; new sod; new clay; new fencing; put up a mini green monster in left field so balls don't go over to hit police cars.

ABL has been disappointed with field upkeep the last few years; there are leaves in dugouts, weeds on fences. Opening Day is April 26th.

ABL has a donor to donate a field tractor. Would there be any issues for ABL to operate this tractor during days and hours when no park employees are available to perform this function and for emergency services? Town Administrator Goldberg will look into it; could be a union challenge.

Next meeting is Tuesday, March 4th at 6:15pm