

**TOWN OF NORTH CASTLE
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD ("PRAB")
Minutes of February 6, 2024 Meeting**

In Attendance: Karl Hinrichs, Brendan Molloy, Jeff Scott, Norma Hill, Sharon Weiss, Brad Lerman, Brian Baranaskas, Matt Milim, Matt Trainor, Lisa Larsen, Robert Candrea

Absent: None

Minutes: Minutes of the December 5th meeting were amended, accepted, and approved.

OLD BUSINESS AND PROJECT UPDATES

IBM Field Project: Several site improvement plans designed by Kellard Sessions were distributed. There are some differences in how the fields are lined which affects the size of each field. Top field two is 285 feet long instead of 300 feet. It must be decided whether or not to go into the wetlands a little in order to have two fields each of 300 feet long or to have one of the fields be shorter than the other. Soccer is the only group to which this applies. League input is needed in order for Kellard Sessions to be able to finalize the final specs. The preference of the PRAB is Site Improvement Plan Alternate 5A. There will be a process to be resolved with DEC to protect wetlands and go through permitting.

Lombardi Park Water: We are moving forward with the main infrastructure plan. Unfortunately, there will be another solid spring and summer season without a water source – the timeline stems from the Health Department.

Town Pool: Town Board has approved a group of proposals from Kellard Sessions. These proposals will include an all-encompassing evaluation of the facility. Supervisor Rende may look to do a larger renovation of the facility, not for this year but for 2025.

Wampus Brook Park Lighting / Electrical: The contracts have been delivered. They should be signed soon and work should begin shortly thereafter.

Trails: PRAB members Jeff Scott, Norma Hill, and Brad Lerman met with Supervisor Rende. The focus was on sidewalks and the extension of 128. The hope is to have this topic be an agenda item on an upcoming Town Board work session. Liaison Milim asked Superintendent Trainor to email Administrator Kevin Hay regarding the eight feet of sidewalk up School Street.

NCCC Gym Padding: The padding is expected to be delivered and installed either this week or next. Parks staff have been painting the walls in the gym to give them a clean, fresh look.

Clove Road NCCC Fields: Bob Candrea of Kensico Little League was in attendance and wanted to revisit the engineering proposal from Kellard Sessions that the Town Board had previously tabled regarding field improvements necessary for the existing baseball fields.

Department Staffing: Liz Duffy, who ran the Seniors program, retired in the end of 2023. The latest versions of the list will be pulled and a candidate hired as soon as possible. There are one or two potential candidates of interest to fill vacant Parks positions. Tino Valente has been out on medical leave and is expected to return at the end of February.

Wampus North Bridge: Nothing to report - work has not been scheduled - and topic will remain an agenda item.

IBM Bubble Lease / RFP: Superintendent Trainor, Chairman Hinrichs, and Liaison Milim feel they have prepared a good RFP - it's for a ten-year term with a ten-year extension. Bids will be due back in mid-April. The current agreement terminates on August 31, 2024. This topic will be an agenda item for the upcoming 2/14 Town Board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30PM