

**TOWN OF NORTH CASTLE
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Minutes of January 8, 2013 Meeting**

In Attendance – Joe DiMauro, Diane Roth, Susan Lichten, Dan Zenkel, John Cronin, Howard Arden, Sue Snyder, Lisa Larsen; **Absent** – Tony Milone, Frank Benish, George Alvarez

Minutes from December meeting were approved.

Update On Turf Field Project

- Board will discuss options when all Board members are present and can vote whether to spend the money for engineering to evaluate further. Joe DiMauro, Susan Lichten and Dan Zenkel were in favor, but there was no quorum.

Letter To Groups Re: Recreation Facility Application

- Copy of letter to Groups from Sue Snyder was distributed.
- All Groups using the Recreation buildings except for Town Departments, Town Boards & Committees, Recreation Department programs and a few co-sponsored by the Recreation Department will be required to pay the facility rental fee beginning January 2013.

Vending Machine RFP

- How much can you offer in a machine and what sells? Comes down to whose product and pricing between the two companies.
- The Rec Board voted and decided to go with Healthy Vending (5 machines).
- This item will be added to the January 9th Town Board meeting as a quick agenda item.

Dog Park

- There are 3 options; material was to be emailed to all members.
- Some key points: separate sections for small and large dogs; sign with rules; good fencing; double door entrance.
- The Board will look over the maps and let Diane Roth know what to go to the Beautification Committee for.

Online Registration Update

- Letter to Glenn Sullivan to Joan Goldberg was distributed. The two parties are talking.
- Sue Snyder would like the public to be able to use credit cards as a form of payment in the short term.

2013 Budget - Adopted

- Distributed to Board members.
- Sue Snyder will prepare monthly report and submit to the Board.

New Camp Fees And Policies For 2013

- It was decided that school district people will be considered as Town residents.
- Handout distributed with new increased rates. Board agreed upon new rates.
- Town Comptroller Faith wants no financial aid after May 15th and only available for North Castle Town residents.
- North Castle rates are higher compared to other municipalities. The % increase from last year is very high.
- Social security costs and retirement costs were never considered in past in determining profit-loss of camps. They will be in 2013.
- Average of 322 campers per week for Chippewa in 2012.
- Faith said we cannot pay for outside marketing.
- Market the wording as "early enrollment discount" rather than "fees increase after".
- The biggest problem with the camp is not the tuition; it's the lack of kids.
- Have an open house; market in the schools; barter work for free...
- Find out what consumers think is important.
- Perhaps groups would sponsor a child and could pay the Town directly in that child's name.
- Perhaps Lions Club, Rotary Club, Friends Of The Library, Pre-School Association can give donations to camp.
- Start with Groups using the parks.

Winkler Park Rehab

- Gazebo in bad shape. Perhaps it could be rented out if repaired and refurbished. Board has to decide what to do with it.
- The tennis courts are used.
- Find out what the neighbors want and don't want.

PRB Vacancy

- Bonnie resigned. Vito Errico was going to stop by at this meeting but was delayed.

Parks & Recreation Board Accomplishments 2012

- Hand out distributed.
- Under Goals: Comments & Additions: Evaluate and/or consider music festival. Seriously research the idea of a new recreation facility.
- Refurbish Fountain Park.

Next meeting is Tuesday, February 5th at 6:15pm