

**TOWN OF NORTH CASTLE  
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD ("PRAB")  
Minutes of January 10, 2023 Meeting**

**In Attendance:** Karl Hinrichs, Brendan Molloy, Brian Baranaskas, Jennifer Clark, Norma Hill, Sharon Weiss, Matt Trainor, Lisa Larsen, Matt Milim

**Absent:** Jeff Scott

**Minutes:** Minutes of the December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting were amended, accepted and approved.

**OLD BUSINESS - UPDATES**

**Lombardi Park and IBM Field Projects:** The proposed surveys have been returned to Kellard Sessions allowing them to proceed with feasibility studies regarding the outfield at Lombardi Park and turf at IBM - should have report in a few weeks. The Lombardi Park water project allows us to move forward with the building and planning. There is pushback from the Town Board regarding the building: higher cost for stick built versus prefab – need to make sure that either choice would fit in aesthetically.

**North White Plains Gym Floor:** Work to begin next week - the gym floor will be sanded, repainted, and refinished. The floor will have lines for basketball, pickleball, and futsal. Time to complete is approximately three weeks.

**Fields:** Superintendent Trainor will begin to work on field schedules and will communicate with the League heads.

**Pool:** Superintendent Trainor hasn't had success in reaching the engineer regarding specs for the pool resurfacing proposal. If he continues to be unable to reach the engineer then he will move on to someone else. Councilman Milim said talks regarding purchase are moving along well, nothing definitive to report. He raised concern that, if there is no food vendor then people will not join the pool. He asks Superintendent Trainor to have the concession issue all set prior to pool marketing and registration - which will be in early to mid-March. Superintendent Trainor said he will contact Ralph and his partner. Additionally, there was discussion about the chain that blocks the entrance to the pool parking lot - buses and cars park on the side causing a traffic hazard, and the grass area is in poor condition. Member Molloy said it doesn't prevent anything other than cars not being able to drive in. Superintendent Trainor said there is liability by leaving the area open since the Town does not own the pool. Councilman Milim will contact RJ and Roland Baroni for comment.

**Wampus Brook Park Lighting:** OLA is moving forward asking about technical preferences that Parks might have as well as location of receptacles. This job will definitely be completed by Fall in time for Frosty Day.

**Wampus Brook Park North Bridge:** Superintendent Trainor will reach out to Kellard for engineering guidance. Anthony Ruvo, from Parks, will do the work but he wants to have specs to work from to make sure that the engineering checks out. Member Clark mentioned that a prefab bridge could be purchased relatively inexpensively.

**Wampus Brook Park South:** No new developments. We have a grading scheme from Kellard. Highway crew will do work. Chairman Hinrichs will disseminate the four plans that got us to the John Fava stage which will be presented next month. Member Clark raised issue with the dilapidated bus stop on Maple Avenue. Westchester County has no record of this bus stop. Town can do whatever they want with it - the PRAB will consider alternatives.

**Donations Conversation:** Handout distributed with policy changes that might be incorporated into the current memorial guidelines document if Town Board approves. Superintendent Trainor calculated about \$3,000 of additional incurred costs for installation of a bench including concrete pad layout, site work, actual installation, extra materials, and accounting for Anthony Ruvo's time on the job. The overall intent of the policy changes is to

recover more of the overall donation cost, redirect donations towards what the Town actually needs at any given time, move the overall emphasis from the physical item to the actual “rights” to display the memorial/name of their loved one. Discussion ensued about bench versus tree donations and time period to guarantee to replace each. Superintendent Trainor will draft a new version with updated ideas for more discussion at next month’s meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Hergenhan Center Renaming:** Memo from Joyce Hergenhan to Superintendent Trainor distributed requesting to change the center’s name to The John and Goldie Hergenhan Community Center to make it a more meaningful and accurate name. The PRAB voted unanimously to change the name to the Hergenhan Community Center. Superintendent Trainor will write a memo to Town Board with this request.

### **Other:**

- Member Clark raised the issue of adding a crosswalk from Hergenhan to DeCiccios.
- Member Clark regarding Route 22 – there is no speed limit enforced sign by Coman Hill School.
- Member Clark regarding no children indoor soccer for winter. Member Baranaskas said it was shut out because the Bobcats basketball program made a request for reservation six months in advance. See how to get access to more indoor spaces at Temples and other facilities.
- Superintendent Trainor and Chairman Hinrichs began talks with Tim Shea over new Armonk Indoor contract. Current agreement is up August 2024. Councilman Milim said he either pays market value or we go to RFP.
- Member Weiss regarding using courts at the pool for ice skating - will talk to Briarcliff after winter.
- Member Weiss regarding QVR code at Tarrytown park - useful tool for trails, etc.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday 2/7

The meeting adjourned at 7:50PM.