

**TOWN OF NORTH CASTLE
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD ("PRAB")
Minutes of July 12, 2022 Meeting**

In Attendance: Karl Hinrichs, Brendan Molloy, Norma Hill, Sharon Weiss, Brian Baranaskas, Jeff Scott, Matt Trainor, Lisa Larsen, Matt Milim, **Guest:** Chris Mattoni

Absent: Jennifer Clark

Minutes: Minutes of the June 7th are accepted and approved.

OLD BUSINESS - GENERAL UPDATES

Playground Project: Pallets of playground equipment continue to be delivered to IBM Community Park - still on track for installation just after Labor Day. Parks staff hope to start to dismantle the current playgrounds beginning the first or second week in August.

Beautification Mushrooms: Committee will do a walkthrough next month - project on hold until the playground has been dismantled.

Lombardi Tennis and Basketball Courts Resurfacing: We are on schedule to begin resurfacing in a week or so, as long as the weather doesn't become a factor.

Wampus Brook Park Lighting / Electrical Update: Company visited the site to map out utilities. There is the possibility that they will need a complete survey of the property, which doesn't exist. Superintendent Trainor will get all the pieces together.

Clove Road Dugouts: Replacement of dugouts project should be completed by the end of July.

Hergenhan Roof Replacement: Roofing company worked yesterday to (1) explore long term solution, and (2) help fix in the short term. Ultimate recommendation is for complete replacement in a year or two.

Wampus North Bridge Replacement: Project out to bid - submissions are due back Thursday 7/21.

Pool Building - Breezeway and Exterior Painting: Work and painting expected to be completed this week.

Recreation Survey Discussion Continued: A survey analysis handout was distributed and discussed. Major takeaways and comments were in relation to expanding classes/sports and town activities, improving town fields and the pool, and adding pickleball. Other potential high priority topics included dog parks, playgrounds, bike and hiking trails, indoor recreational spaces, and gymnasium - these other topics did not have extensive commentary. Councilman Milim said the Town Board wants to see the survey analysis handout and raw data - sooner the better. PRAB member(s) will present to Town Board and talk about results. Town Board does not need solutions, but simply a game plan on how to attack.

Camp / Pool Reports and Updates: Pass Membership Report was distributed showing the total number of individual passes from 2016 through 2022 - 1476, 1491, 1495, 1365, 1218, 623, 1164, 1265 respectively. Councilman Milim will give a pool update next month - Town Board is currently discussing in executive session. Ralphs Ice Cream and his partner submitted a bid and will operate the concession stand. Superintendent Trainor hopes that they can operate and be sustainable. Outside food will still be allowed to be brought in. Camp is going well so far; just a few minor issues from the first Health Department visit. Chippewa enrollment is low with 170 campers; 250 campers pre covid. Counselors were very hard to find this year. There are quite a lot of behavioral issues this summer - staff and campers.

Bottiglieri Bench Donation Application: A motion was made and approved for this bench donation to be placed next to Maple Avenue replacing the very old and worn out bench - applicant pays \$1,000, parks staff does the install. There was a roll call...Hinrichs yes, Molloy yes, Hill abstain, Clark absent, Weiss yes, Baranaskas yes, Scott yes. The guidelines application will be reviewed and the policy solidified going forward.

NEW BUSINESS

Hergenhan Fire Suppression System: The fire alarm system at Hergenhan needs to be replaced. It malfunctions constantly, very difficult to find parts, and is outdated. A proposal from Open Systems Metro to be purchased from NYS Contract, and to be paid from Fund Balance in the amount of \$27,000, is on the July 13 Town Board meeting agenda for their consideration.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 8/2

The meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.