

**TOWN OF NORTH CASTLE  
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD ("PRAB")  
Minutes of June 7, 2022 Meeting**

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

**Absent:** None

**Minutes:** Superintendent Trainor will prepare the May meeting minutes for review at the July 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS - GENERAL UPDATES**

**Playground Project:** Pallets of playground equipment for all the parks have been delivered and are being stored in the parking lot at IBM Community Park. Installation date has been confirmed with the installer to be not until just after Labor Day. This give the parks staff most of the summer to dismantle the current playground equipment. Superintendent Trainor will inform public of timeline. IBM playground will be completed first so as not to interfere with the art show.

**Lombardi Tennis and Basketball Courts Resurfacing:** Resurfacing work will start in a week or so. Ideal timing since spring tennis programs are winding down soon.

**Wampus Brook Park Lighting / Electrical Update:** Town Board has agreed with the proposal to move forward with the electrical upgrades being developed for the park; however, the town does not have a viable or official survey of utilities as they currently exist. Town Board will consider request from Superintendent Trainor for proposal from Enviroprobe Service, Inc., in the amount of \$5,650 coming from Fund Balance, to complete a utility survey of existing conditions. This utility survey is needed in order to move ahead with the upgrade project. Two comments from PRAB - wire for internet for WIFI in the park, and inquire what has to be done to lay the ground for Wampus South.

**Clove Road Dugouts:** Work will begin next week.

**Hergenhan Roof Replacement:** A total roof replacement may not be necessary according to a contractor. Superintendent Trainor will bring in Russell Watsky, a roof engineer, who will evaluate and draw up bid specs in the amount of \$5,500.

**Wampus North Bridge Replacement:** Town Board gave Superintendent Trainor permission to rebid. He changed the original document to reflect new date. Bid documents should be released in a week or so.

**Pool Building - Breezeway and Exterior Painting:** The pool building is in desperate need of painting; conditions in the breezeway have deteriorated. We went out to RFP and there were zero bids - there was an extension to the original bid, and again, no vendors submitted. Superintendent Trainor met with Chris from Pristine Property Services of Ossining on site. Pristine proposal came in at \$23,000. Superintendent Trainor is requesting that Town Board review and approve this proposal on emergency basis, thereby waiving insurance requirements.

**Recreation Survey Discussion:** Handout of draft survey results was distributed. There were 614 responses - 12-13% household response. Members Clark and Scott have volunteered to sort all the data and breakdown all the comments. The top six areas for future projects are, in order of priority, improved athletic fields or artificial turf, bike paths-paved, walking/hiking trails, improved town pool, dog park, playground. Liaison Milim will present the data with the PRAB's recommendation once the analysis is finalized.

**Town Pool Update:** (1) It was raining on opening day so festivities were pushed to the following Saturday. Suggestion was made to have rain date the next day on Sunday instead of a week later. (2) There is no concession stand at the pool this season. Patrons are permitted to bring food or have food delivered to the pool. Superintendent Trainor is looking into food truck options working in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce. (3) Liaison Milim updated that Town Board and ALE are engaged. Talking about 40-year lease to get around regulatory issues. Town would make big upfront payment to pay mortgage at a discount and then a much smaller annual amount thereafter. We need to keep ALE alive - Member Molloy has offered to volunteer in the efforts.

**Wampus Brook Park South:** Talks circled back around again from the initial four John Fava options, to resurrecting the PRAB five-year plan, to connecting parks and bike paths - think longer term about how things are connected, to the most recent environmentally safe and sustainable option of gravel paths with flowers around and a porous parking lot.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Bottiglieri Bench Donation Application:** This memorial application for a bench to be placed in Wampus Brook Park meets all the guidelines. However, the PRAB feels it is premature to make a recommendation to move forward with this request pending a current inventory and desired projected inventory of benches for the park. They are tabling this item pending survey of the park. Superintendent Trainor will inform Mrs. Bottiglieri of the decision.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday 7/5

The meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.