

**TOWN OF NORTH CASTLE
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD ("PRAB")
Minutes of June 6, 2023 Meeting**

In Attendance: Karl Hinrichs, Jeff Scott, Norma Hill, Sharon Weiss, Brad Lerman, Matt Milim, Matt Trainor, Lisa Larsen

Absent: Brendan Molloy, Brian Baranaskas

Minutes: Minutes of the May 2nd meeting were accepted and approved.

OLD BUSINESS - UPDATES

Lombardi Park and IBM Field Projects: Superintendent Trainor received updates from Kellard late today regarding the turf work on IBM 1 and 2, as well as the upgrades and parking lot site work at Lombardi Park. PRAB and Town Board will review and discuss at a future meeting.

Lombardi Park Water Upgrades: Kellard is working to complete the site map and plans for Town Attorney Baroni to get us in Water Districts - expect to go out to bid soon.

Pool: The pool season had a delayed opening of one week. Steps were of major concern. Some extra patch work on the pool deck was performed since the masons were on site. Liaison Milim wants see a walk-through scheduled regarding major capital improvements. Kellard is going to take a hard look at the electrical system to see its condition.

Wampus Brook Park Lighting: Bid documents submitted by OLA. The hold up was due to structural components to the base of the light fixtures.

Wampus Brook Park North Bridge: To be scheduled and done in-house.

Wampus Brook Park Mushrooms: After the Folderol event, mushrooms will be temporarily situated in the park for PRAB and Beautification Committee members to view and then discuss at next PRAB meeting.

Donations Conversation: Memorials Guidelines document was distributed and subsequently amended to include an all-inclusive simplified statement under C.4. "All items are the property of the Town of North Castle, and will be maintained, relocated, removed and/or replaced as needed, and at the discretion of the Town Board by recommendation of the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, with the PRAB." The PRAB supports this policy as written.

Bike Trails: Members Scott and Weiss met with Planning Director Adam Kaufman to discuss the objectives of the trail and path expansion to provide additional natural forms of outdoor exercise for town members as requested from the 2022 parks survey, and to bring outside access into Armonk by connecting to other Westchester paths already present. The top priorities would be to add a sidewalk from Armonk Square to Beascakes, connect Wampus Brook Park with trail to IBM Community Park, connect Wampus Brook Park with trail to the pool, connect Wampus Brook Park to Wampus Pond with a running/bike trail. Liaison Milim asked Superintendent Trainor to talk with Highway Foreman Jamie Norris regarding sidewalk work. He also asked him to talk with Clerk Alison Simon to find past documents on the subject so that a recommendation can be made and a vote taken at the next meeting. Members Scott and Weiss will put together a one or two sentence statement/ask with hopes of getting a consensus on action rather than exploration.

NEW BUSINESS

Dog Park: Liaison Milim shared a letter from Mollie Meyer and her daughter Juliet Meyer about exploring the idea of having a dog park in Armonk at IBM Community Park in between the new bathroom facility and the platform tennis courts - she met with Liaison Milim, Superintendent Trainor, and Planner Kaufman. This spot has adequate parking, water, and would be super cost effective - would just need fencing and some benches. Member Scott mentioned that the preschool Saturday morning soccer program sometimes uses this grass area for class - Superintendent Trainor will look into actual usage and advise. Liaison Milim asked Chairman Hinrichs to make sure we understand the liability issue; Member Hill will do some research on how other towns operate their dog parks.

Movie in the Park: Suggestion by Member Weiss to hold one movie night in August in IBM Community Park on the track field where the art show is usually held. This would be a nice amenity and in conjunction with the summer concert series. Superintendent Trainor will look into availability and advise.

Next Meeting: 7/11/23

The meeting adjourned at 7:50PM.