

TOWN OF NORTH CASTLE
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board ("PRAB")
Minutes of March 12, 2015 Meeting

In Attendance: Joe DiMauro, Susan Lichten, Karl Hinrichs, Charlene Decker, Frank Lattarulo, Matt Trainor, Lisa Larsen, Brendon Molloy

Absent: *Steve D'Angelo*

Late Arrivals: Dan Zenkel

Minutes from the January 6th meeting were accepted and approved. Notes of February 10th were accepted as well.

Wampus Brook Park South Report

Town Board is looking to go with non-shared parking plan if an Easement is not given in a timely fashion. Kellard is ready to move forward once Town Board approval is given. Matt Trainor will send a note to Roland Baroni and the Town Board to get status.

General Repairs

The main focus has been snow and snow removal. Due to the amount of snow, there are significant leaks in the Hergenhan Center. We need to replace the carpet and the front counter, as well as to bring in a roofer to repair the roof. It is likely that we will find more damage once the snow leaves.

At the North Castle Community Center in North White Plains, we are looking to expand with the library to benefit both the library and recreation regarding programming. The generator project is moving forward; we are looking to get new bathroom stall partitions - the current ones are rusting; we want to replace the gym doors with a push bar system, and we are looking to replace the mats around the walls.

Pool Bid Rejection and Presentation

Matt Trainor reported that he has been advised by Town Board to not discuss this topic in open meeting at this time.

Camp 2015 - Advertising

Constant Contact emails continue to go out. All trips are booked for Camp Chippewa. Registration begins Monday 3/16; this is our first run with camp online registration. Once camp begins, enrollment numbers will be distributed to the PRAB.

Gazebo Repairs

Update as of March 11th - Joan Goldberg has spoken with John Sullivan and should have documents to go to bid next week.

IBM Building (call for open meeting why it is being removed)

Handout distributed depicting a crude drawing to square off the current building. Bid for asbestos abatement has been completed. Abatement removal will take approximately ten days. Matt Trainor will ask the consultant to put recommendation in writing to use B&G Restoration Co., Inc. The PRAB approved a motion to move forward with the abatement of asbestos.

IBM Parking Lot - Decided Schedule for Work Completion

The parking lot will be paved this summer. We will have to wait and see about a permissive referendum regarding knocking the building down.

Parks and Recreation Goals and Objectives for 2015

- **Update Field Maintenance Program** - We keep after this; we are getting better but have a long way to go.
- **Refurbish field next to Town Hall** - Frank Lattarulo reported that ABL has put approximately \$350,000 into fields and feels that ABL should not have to spend any more money, and that the Town should pay for the fields. ABL enrollment numbers are down and they feel that the Town should help; ABL doesn't have the amount of capital that they used to have.
- **Refurbish IBM Track Area** -The question was raised as to whether or not we can use recreation subdivision money for this project; Roland Baroni seems to think so, Joan Goldberg and Matt Trainor think no. The track is a liability in its present condition. Three options were tossed around: fix existing cinder, go with asphalt, or go with rubber. Matt Trainor will cost out these three different options.
- **Bike Path Program for a Limited Area around the Center of Town** - This item has been put on the back burner; one issue is dangerous Route 22. Seems like none to very low interest on the part of Town Board.
- **New Senior Programs such as Summer Swim, Exercise Classes, and Walking Tours** - We change classes and offer different programs all the time and the seniors go walking year round weather permitting.
- **New Programs for Summer Camp and Extended Dates** - We offer a number of specialty camps in August when Town camp ends for the three weeks of summer that remain.

Reformatting of After-School Activities at NCCC

Matt Trainor will dismantle Kidz Club after eight years of operation in the fall. Participation has been declining over the years; we are currently only servicing eleven kids throughout the week. Matt will go to a more traditional programming format with more opportunity to hold open gym time.

Thanks to North East Special Recreation for Loaning of Senior Bus

The senior bus has died. The new bus ETA is April 15th. North East Special Recreation loaned us a bus. They are not charging us; they required insurance and we must return the bus with a full tank of gas. Matt Trainor will write a letter of thanks to North East.

Mt. Pleasant AYSO on Rec Fields in North Castle

Mt. Pleasant AYSO is trying to see if there is field space in North Castle. This is worth taking a look at because it would help North White Plains kids; they would look to use the outfield space at Clove Road in the spring. This would be a similar situation to Kensico Little League; Matt Trainor will speak with Bob Candrea.

Next meeting is Tuesday 4/7 at 6:15 PM.