

**TOWN OF NORTH CASTLE
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD ("PRAB")
Minutes of March 1, 2022 Meeting**

In Attendance: Karl Hinrichs, Brendan Molloy, Norma Hill, Jennifer Clark, Sharon Weiss, Brian Baranaskas, Matt Trainor, Jennifer Giusti, Lisa Larsen, Matt Milim, Saleem Hussain, Chris Mattoni

Absent: Jeff Scott

Chairman Hinrichs welcomed Brian Baranaskas as an official PRAB member at which point the meeting was called to order.

Minutes of the February meeting were accepted and approved - all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS - GENERAL UPDATES

Playground Project: Supervisor Schiliro has signed off on the Purchase Order. We are waiting on a timeline from the vendor; there are a lot of moving pieces regarding manpower and delivery.

Lombardi Park Pavilion: The concrete was poured today; it will take two days to cure and then molds will be removed - there were no surprises. Parks staff will scrape and repaint the pillars.

Lombardi Tennis and Basketball Courts Resurfacing: We are expecting three to four bids to be returned based on questions - bids are due Thursday 3/3. There is concern about availability of paint and materials - looking into alternatives.

Lombardi Building Takedown / Development: Engineering proposal was given to Town Board. Members would like to walk through the building with PRAB members to decide whether to rebuild or tear down. There are concerns if it makes sense financially to rebuild the building. Liaison Milim asked Superintendent Trainor to take the lead on organizing the walk through. The building is standing, but deteriorating - it has no historical value. Member Molloy feels the building should be left as is until it falls.

Beautification Items for Wampus Brook Park: Items not yet delivered. There is no decision on their placement; Superintendent Trainor will include PRAB on decision.

Message Board Centers for Betsy Sluder and Wampus Brook Park: Both message boards have been replaced and installation is complete.

Wampus Brook Park Lighting Update Plan: After some research, it was determined that the current light heads, not the poles, came from Gramercy Park from the 1970's. There is no document of the actual acquiring of the lights. Chairman Hinrichs, Superintendent Trainor, and Park Foreman Foley all feel the lamp heads should probably be replaced. They would like the project to get moving to update the electrical system. The bottom line question is whether to keep the heads and get new poles or to get all new fixtures (heads and poles). Supervisor Schiliro wants to hold off because of a possible historical issue. He wants to be sure that getting rid of the heads is the right way to go – is a historical benefit worth the price? If new fixtures are purchased, the PRAB likes the ones installed in Armonk Square, and that would provide some consistency of appearance in the Town. They do not like the fixtures recently installed in the Hergenhan parking lot. Liaison Milim will get this on agenda for next Town Board meeting scheduled for Wednesday 3/9. He wants the PRAB to move forward and start engineering. There is no need to wait on the historical or new issue question.

Recreation Survey Discussion: Subcommittee, consisting of Chairman Hinrichs and Members Weiss and Hill, spent much time fine tuning the questions and vocabulary, presented a comprehensive but brief test survey to the PRAB. Much discussion, critique, comments, changes, etc. ensued for each of the questions in the test survey - too many to list in detail here. Chairman Hinrichs and his subcommittee will tweak the questions with all of the recommendations.

Other Topics:

- [1] RFP to demolish and redo 3 out of 4 Clove Road dugouts. The first base side was done in 2016 for \$15k;
- [2] North Castle Community Center renovation is not completed - the generator is the remaining piece;
- [3] going back out to bid for the pool concession stand - the stand was not lucrative enough for the prior company;
- [4] chain at IBM Community Park pathway could be hazardous to those not paying attention - look into a bollard post, removable or folding; and
- [5] get rid of the chain at the town pool entrance and allow cars to park in the lot in the winter especially - it is very dangerous to park on the road.

NEW BUSINESS

Parks Staffing: The recent Park Groundskeeper that was hired did not pass probation and was terminated - basic skills were lacking. We have several candidates to interview to fill this position.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 4/5

The meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.