

**TOWN OF NORTH CASTLE
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD ("PRAB")
Minutes of March 7, 2023 Meeting**

In Attendance: Brian Baranaskas, Jeff Scott, Norma Hill, Sharon Weiss, Matt Milim Matt Trainor, Lisa Larsen

Absent: Brendan Molloy, Karl Hinrichs

Guests: Tim Shea, Stuart Smith, Brad Lerman, Jonathan Schneider

Minutes: Minutes of the February 7th meeting were accepted and approved.

Chairman Hinrichs had invited Brad Lerman to join this meeting as a perspective PRAB member. Brad runs a children's sleepaway camp.

OLD BUSINESS - UPDATES

Lombardi Park and IBM Field Projects: Joe Cermele of Kellard Sessions has made good progress and has some questions. PRAB member Sharon Weiss shared an email regarding PFAS to the group. Councilman Milim requested that this email regarding PFAS be forwarded to Joe Cermele for his interpretation - whether there is a real risk or not to health effects of PFAS exposure, and to understand options.

Lombardi Park Water Upgrades: Plans are complete. Superintendent Trainor met with OLA, who do relays and the hookup for electrical systems for water. Sewer and Water Superintendent is in conversation with the school district regarding easements. As an aside, Councilman Milim said that Toll Brothers is building on the airport campus, and that there is an old farmhouse on the property that is not dedicated as a historical site. Perhaps this old farmhouse can be relocated to replace the building at 85 Cox Avenue for storage and cosmetics. Ed Woodyard had this suggestion if the town interested in pursuing further.

Fields: Fields are on track to open on April 1st.

Pool - Surfacing and Deck: Town Board has agreed to pay hourly wages for services of Aquatectonic Architects. The problem is that the pool is losing water. We will do testing this spring to see where the leak is coming from. No construction will be done this season. The deck is cracking like an egg shell. The engineer can mill one half inch off the top and then pour concrete - TBD. Pool concession will be out to RFP shortly. PRAB member Jeff Scott raised the need for better hygiene at the pool. Heating the pool and its feasibility was discussed - Superintendent Trainor's opinion is that it would be a waste of time and money.

Wampus Brook Park Lighting: We are waiting on O.L.E. Engineers to deliver specs for review. Councilman Milim recommended to keep Sharon Tomback of the Historical Society in the loop as far as progress.

Wampus Brook Park North Bridge: Work to be done in house and will commence once the weather warms up.

Wampus Brook Park South: Cleanup will begin in the spring - a combined effort between DPW and Parks. They will scrape the surface, level, and seed - later April, early May.

Donations Conversation: Handouts distributed - guidelines as they currently exist and guidelines draft revised. It was discussed and decided that we will tweak the existing guidelines to include a fixed price for a tree, bench, or plaque donation. The system has gone well, we just haven't found what we wanted financially. Superintendent Trainor will make minor edits for discussion in April.

NEW BUSINESS

Letter from William Quinn and Jonathan Schneider regarding Armonk Indoor Tennis Bubble Operations: Town Board accepted the letter and referred it to the PRAB. Much discussion ensued between Tim Shea and Stuart Smith of Armonk Indoor and the members of the PRAB. Tim and Stuart have acknowledged some miscommunication - understanding who and where everyone fits in with the town - but there seems to have been no mention of high school boy's lacrosse. They have had conversations with Byram Hills Youth Lacrosse and Byram Hills Youth Soccer to smooth things out going forward. They have asked the Leagues for their requests for next year and will try to accommodate, with maybe some minor tweaks. Councilman Milim stated that, and as confirmed with Town Attorney Roland Baroni, the contract does say that town sponsored sports have scheduling priority. PRAB member Jeff Scott said there has to be a timeline and process. It was unclear where Mr. Schneider and Mr. Quinn fit in; they weren't part of return groups so they didn't get a schedule. Member Scott said that, according to the recent survey, residents want more and more indoor field time - the process has to be fair and equitable.

Mr. Schneider joined the meeting a bit later, after Mr. Shea and Mr. Smith had already left. Councilman Milim let Mr. Schneider know that Mr. Shea feels the issues have been addressed with the parties involved - Mr. Schneider has had no communication from anyone.

The bottom line - we need to figure out what the process is and who is in charge and town involvement. Councilman Milim said the contract is up mid-2024 and legally has to go to RFP - here's the process and here's what the terms are.

Trail and Path Extension: PRAB member Jeff Scott distributed a draft of his thoughts for feedback. This topic will be included on the Agenda for the April PRAB meeting.

Next Meeting: 4/11/23

The meeting adjourned at 8:10PM.