

**TOWN OF NORTH CASTLE
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD ("PRAB")
Minutes of October 5, 2021 Meeting**

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

Absent: None

Minutes of the June 8 and September 14 meetings were accepted and approved - all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

IBM Restrooms: Superintendent Trainor reported installation is complete and open to public. Automatic door timer locks set from approximately dawn to 11:30pm. Bathroom will be cleaned each morning by the same company used by Tim Shea of Armonk Indoor. Bathroom will be winterized the end of November. A closed for winter sign will be posted outside, and an in case of emergency sign with contact information will be posted inside the facility. Signage recommended by Member Clark and Superintendent Trainor agreed.

Replacing of Playgrounds: Superintendent Trainor preparing to schedule a public input period soon and has the support of the PRAB to go ahead and initiate the process. He will establish a timeline, tweak the wording and content, and work with Logically to set up an email venue for public replies.

Elks Flag Donation Project: Idea is to put a framed American flag in the main room at Hergenhan - far wall as you enter the room from the lobby - to spur enrollment and town participation. Assistant Superintendent Giusti raised concerns over birthday parties in the room, the placement of tables, people taking pictures and what's in the background. Member Molloy doesn't think an American flag should be on our donation wish list. He feels Town Hall location would be okay, but a little much for a recreation center. The PRAB has approved this project contingent upon Superintendent Trainor, Assistant Superintendent Giusti, and Elks members agreeing on an acceptable hanging spot in the room. PRAB members Hinrichs, Hill, Clark, yes; PRAB member Molloy, no.

Fall Registration 2021: Superintendent Trainor reported that registration was extremely successful with most classes being full. It's nice to see all the rooms filled with people again.

Fields: Superintendent Trainor reported that the track field at IBM Community Park is shut down for the season after the Art Show. The plan is to rotate field shut downs in future seasons.

Lombardi Park Pavilion: Superintendent Trainor is finally getting quotes, expecting five from vendors, and hopes to finish within a few weeks. Finding combination welder/concrete workers has been challenging. The goal is to get one vendor to do the entire job. Cost expected in the \$25k range.

NEW BUSINESS

Old Building at Lombardi Park: Superintendent Trainor is looking to initiate teardown and decommission the building - the white house, not the parks garage. There are mice, needs a new roof, basement floods, needs new heat and oil system (\$10k-25k to replace) - basically needs a complete overhaul. He has been speaking with the ABL Board who have used the building for meetings and storage and who feel the same way about the facility. ABL can use Hergenhan for their meetings. One complication is that the water filtration system for the entire park and facility is located in the basement of this building. This system would have to be preserved and relocated. Chairman Hinrichs said to perhaps build a new well and put in closer to the parks garage. Member Molloy wants to

know what will go in place of the building. It's a cute structure and will ruin the layout of the park if only the parks garage will be seen as you drive in. He supports the idea but has concerns about what is to go in its place post demolition. Member Clark wants to see a clear timeline of events starting with the tear down. Member Hill wants to know the age of the structure - may have to involve the Historical Society.

Parks Staffing - Leaving of Trevor Caviola: Superintendent Trainor reported that Trevor's last day is Friday 10/8. He has accepted a similar position within the Darien School District for more money. We will look to fill his vacancy quickly.

New Full-Time Recreation Staff Member: Jerry Stroud vacated his position in November 2019. Paula Widell-Pugliese has been with the department for several weeks - stepping right in with the flow - allowing Superintendent Trainor to concentrate on larger projects.

Parks and Recreation Survey: Chairman Hinrichs distributed a draft copy of proposed parks and recreation survey. The PRAB seeks community interest and participation in current facilities and programs. We also seek to gauge interest in new facilities and the means of funding these new facilities. PRAB members feel the current survey is cumbersome and clunky - there is a lot of repetition and redundancy - much can be consolidated. Members feel the focus should be on question #6. Also, they want all members to agree on the survey and have a plan before it goes out to the community.

Purchase of Town Pool Update: Councilman Hussain reported some progress. It is unknown what level we need to be at with Attorney General regarding purchase. Member Molloy would like the town to pay the money and buy the pool. Two questions: is it a viable option, and is the Town Board willing?

Johnson Tract: Member Clark would like to see Johnson Tract a topic for discussion on a future agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15PM.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 11/9