

TOWN OF NORTH CASTLE
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board ("PRAB")
Minutes of September 8, 2015 Meeting

In Attendance: Joe DiMauro, Frank Lattarulo, Dan Zenkel, Norma Hill, Charlene Decker, Steve D'Angelo, Matt Trainor, Lisa Larsen

Absent: Susan Lichten, Karl Hinrichs

Minutes from the July 7th meeting were accepted and approved.

Wampus Brook Park South Report, Presentation and Discussion

Matt Trainor presented drawings and noted several changes from the original plan to benefit the overall flow of the park being: have parking lot as part of the park; access the sewer pumping station directly from the parking lot; plants by the other side of the brook removed. These plants serve no real visual benefit, are expensive, and will cost money to maintain.

Further ideas from Kellard: to provide flowers by pedestrian paths; no walkway near sewer station for safety and visual reasons (put in some evergreens); to add pedestrian walkway from parking lot; to put river rock along the brook to stabilize and add some benches; same enter and exit access from parking lot; to possibly add irrigation system.

This item is on the September 9th Town Board Meeting Agenda and the PRAB have put forth a motion to accept the plans as presented and to move forward.

General Repairs

An Excel 'Capital Improvement Project Work Needed' spreadsheet was distributed and discussed listing the work needed, the assumed cost, and whether the work is in process, incomplete or completed. The IBM parking lot will be repaved and striped later this week. The overgrown path to the pool from School Street will be looked at as well.

North Castle Pool Overall Report

Handout was distributed and discussed. There were 455 unique households which amounted to 1,502 people with membership cards. Revenue from passes alone was \$184,400; total budgeted revenue was \$157,000. Revenue from guest fees, swim lessons and pool parties was \$28,000.

Dan Zenkel suggests tracking pool usage year to year; take a survey of the 455 families. Dan will send survey monkey to Matt Trainor. We saved \$1,000 in chemicals by replacing the chemical control system.

Items to look at for next year: deck surface, basketball and tennis courts, custom cover for pool (estimated cost \$30,000).

Camp 2015

Handout was distributed and discussed. Camp enrollment numbers are down in general. Holding Kick-A-Poo at Coman Hill School is still a big hit; Teen Travel ran three out of the four weeks offered.

Gazebo Build Schedule and Progress

The foundation is built and the steel pieces are being fabricated. We are on target for November completion date.

IBM Project and Schedule

The building is torn down and the parking lot will be paved this week.

Miller House Discussion

Joe DiMauro asked to flashback three years. PRAB was talking about relocating Miller House to Fountains Park; the County was okay with the move. There was a plan and the plan was abandoned; why was the PRAB left out of the loop? The Town Board is not in favor to put the Miller House on Town property. Steve D'Angelo explained that the Miller House happens to be in our Town, but we don't own it. The County needs to spend the money to make it a historic monument.

IBM Track

Dan Zenkel reported that a turf field is cost prohibitive and that cinder is no longer used; suggests using a similar surface such as Item #4. He believes there are options not as expensive and has agreed to continue to investigate.

IBM Field 1 Backstop

Matt Trainor will get two prices; one for the short term repair and one for replacement.

Review of Budget

Handout was distributed and discussed. Dan Zenkel would like to see last year's numbers added. Some contractual professional services will come out of fund balance.

Credit Card Fee Recovery Method

Matt Trainor will discuss this subject with Town Administrator Joan Goldberg. The use of credit cards is tremendously successful, but has cost the Town \$28,000 in fees. We initially offered credit cards as a service, but moving forward we might look on how to recoup fees. This topic will be discussed at the next PRAB meeting.

Next meeting is Tuesday, October 6th at 6:15 PM.