

**TOWN OF NORTH CASTLE  
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD ("PRAB")  
Minutes of September 6, 2022 Meeting**

**In Attendance:** Karl Hinrichs, Norma Hill, Sharon Weiss, Brian Baranaskas, Matt Trainor, Lisa Larsen, Matt Milim, Saleem Hussain

**Absent:** Jennifer Clark, Jeff Scott, Brendan Molloy

**Minutes:** Minutes of the July 12<sup>th</sup> meeting are accepted and approved.

**OLD BUSINESS - GENERAL UPDATES**

**Playground Replacement Project:** All four playgrounds have been razed through a joint effort between Parks and Highway departments. Superintendent Trainor met with the company installing the new playgrounds, Corsetti - still working out quirks and will have a better idea of the scope of the jobs over the next few weeks. The setup for Lombardi Park will begin Wednesday 9/7. Winkler Park will be next. Superintendent Trainor will work with Corsetti to help move the mushrooms from place to place in order to find a best final destination.

**Lombardi Tennis and Basketball Courts Resurfacing:** This resurfacing project has been completed. In addition, pickleball lines have been added to the tennis courts.

**Wampus Brook Park Lighting / Electrical Update:** We still need an official survey in order to proceed. John Meyer Consulting provided a quote in the range of \$18k. This item will be on the next Town Board meeting agenda - a Spring 2023 completion date is expected, but depends largely on the contractor.

**Clove Road Dugouts:** This project has been completed - Kensico Little League is thrilled and Bob Candrea is happy with the new dugouts.

**Wampus North Bridge Replacement:** The original quote came back at \$125k, which is too high and will be rejected. Anthony Ruvo and the Parks staff feel comfortable that they can do the bridge replacement - just need dedicated time and crew - might be good winter project.

**Wampus South:** Superintendent Trainor met with members of the Beautification Committee to come up with ideas to bring to a PRAB future meeting. Parks and Highway departments have proposed to scrape the soil, grade, and seed for the Fall. Joe Cermele of Kellard Sessions is putting a grading plan together pro bono. Goal is for flat, well-manicured land to create a usable and walkable park. Chairman Hinrichs likes this approach because it is a good first step that needs to happen anyway.

**Recreation Survey Discussion Continued:** Chairman Hinrichs and Jeff Scott presented to Town Board at a recent work session. Hopefully we can move forward. Councilman Milim liked that the meeting ended with an action plan on next steps. Much discussion ensued about old project ideas from several years ago including, but not limited to, dog park, bike path, turf field, walking and hiking path. Superintendent Trainor feels the two most impactful projects are Lombardi Park drainage and IBM fields 1-4 turf and lighting. He will engage Town Planner Adam Kaufman in discussion and will report back for October PRAB meeting with a menu to address survey projects and an estimate of the engineering work required. He was also asked by Councilman Milim to provide the Town Board with enough information in order to make a decision on engineering dollars.

**Status of Lombardi Park Water System Relocation:** Sharon Weiss asked for an update. Karl Hinrichs, Kevin Foley, Sal Misiti, and Matt Trainor had a conversation regarding the housing of the water system. Sal doesn't think it would be difficult to move the system. There is no room in the parks building - it would need additional housing - but the current system is not salvageable. Superintendent Trainor might have to install a new heating system for \$12k as a temporary fix.

**North White Plains Gym and Pickleball Lines:** Sharon Weiss asked for an update. Renovation is still under way. Superintendent Trainor is not directly involved. The gym has been used as a staging area and is still loaded with stuff. The fire suppression system is going to be replaced. It is Matt's personal hope that the work will be completed by the end of the year. Councilman Hussain mentioned that there are a lot of little things that need to be straightened out.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Parks Department Staffing:** Two new hires were recently added to parks staffing - we are currently at full staff - we are looking to add an additional position/member to the current staff.

**Recreation Department Staffing:** Paula Widell-Pugliese resigned at the end of the summer - she had been with the department for just under one year. We are speaking with one or two outside candidates with whom we are familiar. There are no viable candidates on the current Civil Service lists.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday 10/11

The meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.