

Shandaken Parks & Recreation Board

Minutes

May 14, 2012

6:30 p.m.

Call to Order – 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present: Carole Chanler, Michael Formont, Sandra Stanley,
Heather Roberts, Martie Gailes

Also Present: Jack Jordan, Town Board Liaison
Gail Lester
Walter Crump

Minutes – Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Heather moved and Sandy seconded that they be accepted as written. The vote was unanimous.

Members of the public were invited to attend this meeting to discuss their concerns regarding Shandaken Parks and Recreation Programs. To accommodate members of the public, the chair suggested we address their concerns first.

In summary, it was suggested that there be an increase in the number of walking trails particularly for seniors. New tennis courts would be welcome. The addition of toilets is very much needed.

Communications, Conditions and Recommendations

Big Indian Park Manager – The beautification committee planted 39 pots with Supertunias. They are in the park and distributed throughout the hamlet. The next scheduled event for the park is the Annual Car Show on June 24. Prior to that, we have scheduled a roadside trash pick up (June 2 with lunch to follow at the Peekamoose). Hopefully, a work party will take place in mid-June to repair and refresh the pavilions.

- Smith Park Manager- Carole reported that discussions at the Pine Hill Community Center reflect Main Street improvements have priority. However, once a plan for Smith Park is set, support will likely follow. Carole asked for clarification on possible funds available. It was explained that there is \$3500 currently designated for developing a skate board park in Smith Park. Since such a park requires a minimum of \$25,000 to build, it was suggested that Carole contact Mike Wentland to see if there is a possibility that these funds might be reassigned.

Carole has contacted a professional tennis court restorer who has agreed to come and look at Smith Park's court and advise.

Concern was expressed that there doesn't seem to be any committee working on plans for Shandaken Day which will take place in Pine Hill this year. It was recommended that Carole contact Supervisor Stanley.

- Glenbrook Park Manager - Sandy reported that the 40' flag pole has been delivered to the park and will be installed once the underground wires are established. It has been decided that for health reasons they will be getting rid of the sand box.

Work will start on the pavilion this week—raising all the poles and adding 14-15" concrete base and then redoing the roof facets.

The highway department has been doing an excellent job on mowing. Mike Formont reported that so far one truckload of sand has been delivered to the ball field. A second load is needed. Questions regarding the lights have come up. They should be directed to Sandy or Mike.

The handicap bathroom door is stiff and sticking—but not meant to be locked. It seems that users are sometimes locking the door when they leave.

- Parish Field Manager- Heather reported that the Parish voted not to host the summer camp program. The Parish contacted Heather reporting that the padding around the basketball hoop is now missing. Mike will investigate. Jack Jordan suggested the school be contacted for their source and perhaps a donation.

Development of a new community garden is currently on hold. Mike will contact Ottea who has volunteered to work on the community garden.

- Recreational Holdings – no communications.
- Communications received by the chairman include:

Heather reported that we were awarded a Greenway Grant in the amount of \$7500 to underwrite professional planning assistance as we develop our comprehensive plan. A Greenway Grant Activities Sheet and two-page review of comprehensive plan components (see attached) was discussed. Heather will contact the Planner provided by Cornel for assistance in posting the position.

Communications (cont'd)

Heather was contacted by folks from the Festival of the Voice asking clarification regarding the fee for using Parish Field. After reviewing previous discussion, Heather proposed a motion that we waive the parks fee for the Festival of the Voice in lieu of their contribution of in-kind services in the form of the community choir. This decision applies to this year's Festival which will involve use of Parish Field July 30 – August 8, 2012. Mike seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. This waiver should be reviewed annually.

Old Business

60 youngsters have registered for soccer on the Emerson Fields. Three Games were held on Sunday. The Town paid for a Portapotty. AYSO is raising money for a shed.

Martie volunteered to create small posters advertising the Parks Community Meeting scheduled for **7:00 p.m. Tuesday May 29** at the Pine Hill Community Center. Carole and Heather offered to help distribute the posters to the following locations:

Mora's Market
Post Offices – Big Indian, Chichester, Pine Hill, Highmount,
Shandaken and Phoenicia
Belleayre Plaza
Moma's Boy
Phoenicia Supermarket
Phoenicia Pharmacy

It will be listed on the Town Website and Facebook page.

New Business

Jessica Cross, Director of the Summer Recreation Program, has informed Heather that she does not intend to continue in the position. The Town Board will be asked to accept her resignation at its meeting on May 15 and authorize posting of the position. Interviews will be conducted as soon as possible.

Next Meeting Scheduled for: **Monday, June 11, 2012 – 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall**

Adjournment: 7:55 p.m. Heather moved and Mike seconded that we adjourn.
The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Martie Gailles, Board Secretary