

**Shandaken Recreation Board
Draft Minutes
August 12, 2013**

Call to Order – 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

The following were present:

- Big Indian Park Manager - Lisa Schnack
- Glenbrook Park Manager – Sandra Stanley
- Parish Field – Carol Urban
- Smith Park – Carole Chanler
- Chair – Martie Gailes

Also Present: Kathy Nolan

Minutes

Sandra Stanley moved and Carole Chanler seconded that the minutes from the July meeting be accepted. The vote was unanimous. Lisa Schnack noted that we should inquire as to whether it was possible to earn interest on our donation account.

Communications, Conditions and Recommendations

Big Indian Park – Lisa noted that a broken swing needs to be replaced. She will check out suppliers and cost. She will contact Hanover Farms in regard to chips available at cost for under the merry-go-round. Lisa is also planning to contact the Peekamoose staff, who have in years past donated time and paint, concerning touch up on the painting.

The Totem Pole is beginning to look weathered. It was suggested that Lisa contact Gary Gailes for the type of marine shellac used on the Big Indian Statute. She is also contacting Nancy Holgate, scout master, concerning the availability of volunteers to help with the application.

Smith Park – Carole Chanler reported that kids from the Community Center summer program have been voluntarily watering the plants. Carole donated Lemonade and Animal Crackers in appreciation. She received a very sweet thank you note.

The Highway Department is currently remediating the stream bank. Carole discussed with Eric Hoffmeister, highway superintendent, the need to temporarily move some of the plants placed near the chain link fence. She will also confer

Smith Park (cont'd)

with Eric concerning the placement of four benches being provided by the Pine Hill/Fleischmanns Rotary.

The next relatively simple upgrade is to improve the basketball court. While working in the park, the Highway Department will straighten the basketball poles. Carole is intending to ask Eric Hoffmeister about how best to improve the edges. The court surface, itself, is in good shape. With the replacement of the backboards, hoops and net and the addition of wrapping around the poles, the basketball playing area will be in good shape. Community volunteers are currently collecting price estimates.

Motion: Therefore, Carole moved and Sandra seconded that up to \$700 from the Parks and Recreation Donation account be spent to purchase new backboards, hoops, nets, and wrapping. The vote was unanimous.

It was noted that if the expenses for this upgrade go over \$700, the Fleischmanns/Pine Hill Rotary has indicated a willingness to help.

Glenbrook Park – Sandra noted that the sand for the Little League Baseball field has still not been spread. She also noted that the sandbox in the children's play area has not been removed as previously requested.

Motion: Sandra Stanley moved and Carole Chanler seconded that for health reasons the Highway Department remove the sand box from the children's play area in Glenbrook Park. The vote was Unanimous.

Sandra noted that the underground spring continues to drain into the home team dugout at the east end of the field.

Parish Field – Carol Urban is seeking a third estimate for chips for under the Star Gazer equipment.

The Festival of the Voice was a great success. Attendance was up, the weather more cooperative. Participants expressed very positive experiences at the various Festival events. There was much less difficulty with traffic, and Phoenicia and area merchants reported an up tick in their businesses. The field was left green with no gouges. Unfortunately, a bear keeps returning to spread neighborhood refuse.

Recreational Holdings – Martie Gales reported receiving from Nick Milas, head of Oteora physical education, a tentative schedule for fall soccer programs on the Emerson Fields. No conflicts have been reported.

Communications – Martie Gales, shared an e-mail from Rob Stanley to David Gilmore concerning completion of the Comprehensive Plan. David still needs to provide an unprotected Word Version of the Plan so that minor changes can be made.

Old Business

Summer Recreation – The Tee Shirt project hit a slight snag when it was realized that one of the local businesses, whose name would appear on the shirts, was a liquor store. It was felt that it would be inappropriate for youngsters to “advertise” liquor. Therefore, Rob offered to return the donation and that business name was not be listed on the shirts. Martie will check with the Town Clerk for a list of businesses which did participate.

The Big Indian Market and Deli has been providing a bag lunch and snack for kids in need. It was suggested that next year the town-wide letter announcing the Summer Rec Program include a request for names of those who are in need of luncheon support. Lisa Schnack has been investigating programs which could assist with providing lunches.

Sandra, the program’s volunteer emergency medical person, noted that the trip to the Ulster County Fair was a big success. This week will be a trip to Zoom Flume and the Talent Show and BBQ on Thursday, August 15, the last day of the program.

Arrangements have been made for the Assistant Director to receive (at no cost) training to become the program’s emergency medical person.

New Business – no items were raised.

Public Comment – Kathy Nolan noted that, based on conversations with David Gilmour, the needed unprotected copy of the Comprehensive Plan will be in Town Hall this week.

Next Meeting – Monday, September 15, 6:30 p.m. Town Hall. The meeting is the third Monday due to Labor Day.

Adjournment – 7:35 p.m.