

Shandaken Parks & Recreation Board

Draft Minutes

February 20, 2014

Call to Order - 3:10 p.m.

Present: Martie Gailes, Chair
Sandra Stanley, Glenbrook Park Manager
Carol Urban, Parish Field Park Manager
Lisa Schnack, Big Indian Park Manager
Tim Malloy, Town Board Liaison
Kathy Nolan

Minutes

Sandy moved and Carol seconded that the minutes from the last meeting (January 2014) be accepted. The vote was unanimous.

Communications, Conditions and Recommendations

- Big Indian Park - No report
- Smith Park - No report
- Glenbrook Park - It has been suggested that the drainage problems at the ball field are caused by the fact that the stream has changed course. It may be necessary to lay a drainage pipe across the whole field. Before doing that, it will be necessary to determine where the underground electric line runs. It would seem prudent to advise Little League that Opening Day activities should be scheduled at another ball field.
- Parish Field - Carol is interested in looking at ways to spot light the rocks on the hillside. One tree needs evaluation as it looks precarious. Carol inquired about the success of the community gardens at the Phoenicia School. Kathy Nolan reported that the program sponsored by Shandaken Community Gardens, chaired by Valerie Lynette, was very successful with

20/26 plots being developed. Carol was urged to consult with Father Raphael concerning sponsoring garden plots at Parish Field.

- Recreational Holdings - No report
- Chairman - Martie reported that our letter in support of Town Resolution 56-14 was read at the February 10 Town Board Meeting. Kathy Nolan suggested that we might consider assigning a representative to explore the future use of the rail/trail lands in the Town. Martie responded that until the County Executive and the railroads settle their disagreements, the Parks and Rec. Board would not be entering the fray.

Old Business

AWSMP grant application has been funded in the amount of \$5,000 for engineering work to plan an access trail from the hamlet of Pine Hill to Smith Park.

Parks Brochure - Carol shared that she has successfully collected a variety of picture choices. A \$200 donation has been received from the Neal Grant Foundation to underwrite printing costs. Currently, it is estimated that 1,000 copies will cost \$400.

New Business

Martie spoke with Geraldine Sasso of Ulster Savings Bank concerning our eligibility for funding from the Community Fund. It was suggested that we might seek underwriting for the construction of a Band Stand in Big Indian Park to be inaugurated at Shandaken Day. Ms. Sasso urged us to apply.

Preliminary estimates suggested that materials for a 12' x 14' band stand, including extending electricity, would run about \$1800. Labor costs could be underwritten by Big Indian funds and volunteers. Lisa agreed to pursue details. The grant application is due April 30.

Public Comment - Ulster Co. Trails Committee meets at 6:30 p.m. in the County Office Building. The public is welcome.

Next Meeting Scheduled for: **Thursday, April 24, 3:00 p.m. at Town Hall**
Adjourned 4:00 p.m.