**Shandaken Parks & Recreation Board**

**Draft Minutes**

**May 29, 2014**

Call to Order - 3:00 p.m.

Present: Martie Gailes, Chair

Carol Urban, Parish Field Park Manager

Carole Chanler, Smith Park Manager

Guests: Mary Lou Stapleton

Walter Crump

Rayla Hart

Joyce Grant

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes

Carole C. moved and Carol U. seconded that the minutes from the last meeting (April 2014) be accepted. The vote was unanimous.

Communications, Conditions and Recommendations

* Big Indian Park -

The small pavilion needs a fresh coat of stain. Martie will coordinate with Lisa Schnack, park manager. It was pointed out that the park could use some more benches. The pots with supertunias will be planted this weekend.

The sign at the entrance was vandalized to create an obscene message. Community members were asked to keep an eye out and report any incidents to the police.

* Smith Park -

Carole C. had a conversation with Josh Slater concerning preparing the surface of the tennis courts. Martie volunteered to contact Mike Wentland to pusue the skateboard funding for possible use to repair the tennis courts. Pads for the basketball poles have been purchased and will be installed this weekend.

* Glenbrook Park -

We were deeply saddened at the sudden death of Sandra Stanley, Glenbrook Park Manager. Her devotion to the park and commitment to this board will be sorely missed. Martie was contacted by the Little League with a request to install a plaque in memoriam for Sandra. She will consult with the Stanley Family. Several projects honoring Sandra were discussed including retractable canvas side enclosures to shield the pavilion, additional picnic tables or a "doggie drinking fountain."

* Parish Field -

Carol U. announced that mulch will be spread in the playground area asap.

She expressed an interest in raising funds for a "merry-go-round." She will inquire with the Festival of the Voice organizers about the possibility of a donation jar at the Festival's events in the fields.

* Recreational Holdings - No report
* Chairman -

Martie has been in contact with Tony Lanza, Chief Operating Officer at the Emerson, concerning staging a fund raising event similar to what was held for "fishing frenzy." Tony indicated he would be happy to work with us and the board agreed this should be pursued.

Old Business

Parks Brochure -

Carol reported that the design work would be completed this weekend. The original map chosen has presented some difficulties, but a new map is available. She expects that Board members will be receiving an on-line version of the brochure shortly. Please respond immediately with any comments. The goal is to have copies ready for the July 4th weekend.

* Summer Recreation

Rayla Hart reported that plans are well underway for this year's summer recreation program. Interviews for counselor positions will be held Monday, June 23. Twelve counselors will be hired. Applications received at Town Hall should be forwarded to Rayla. Training will take place Monday, July 7.

With the loss of Sandra Stanley, we are scrambling to provide camp with a "first responder certification." There is an intensive 2-day training on June 21 and 22. It was suggested that one of the senior counselors be encouraged to take this training. It was hoped that they could be offered a financial incentive through an increase to their weekly salary.

Martie will contact Big Indian Market and Deli to see if they are willing to offer lunch again for a needy camper.

The annual Camp BBQ will be held on August 14, along with Shandaken's Got Talent Show. Rec. board members are urged to be available to help.

The mailing has been printed. Board members worked during the meeting to tape the letters. Martie will deliver to the post offices tomorrow. Rayla stated that financial support for the "T" shirts would be welcome. Martie will organize an appeal and consult with Lisa to distribute the request letters.

New Business

Joyce Grant, Town Clerk, shared that two kiosks in Phoenicia, one in Simpson Mini Park and the other located between Key Bank and Mama's Boy have been refurbished. She is looking for appropriate posters and will post the park's brochure when available. Next Meeting Scheduled for:

**Thursday, June 26 - 3 p.m. at Town Hall**

Adjourned: 4:45 p.m.