

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2017

Present: Martie Gailes, chair
Carole Chanler, Smith Park Manager
John Michelotti, Big Indian Park Manager
Carol Urban, Parish Field Park Manager
Kathy Williams, Glenbrook Park Manager

Summer Recreation

- Mailing went out
- Interviews for counselors are ongoing

Communications

- Smart Growth Grant
 - playground equipment is currently being ordered
 - Smith Park electrification is included in possible projects
- Landscaping for Parish Field - Rob has let us know that it's o.k. to go ahead with plans for reorienting the playground area
- Volunteer Assistance - Kevin VanBlarcUm has volunteered to assist in installing new equipment.
- August financial request - the parks may be recommended for additional funding
- Bleacher at Glenbrook Park baseball field will most likely be funded by Neal Grant Fund for Shandaken Youth

Park Updates

Big Indian Park - Electricity in the park is currently 100 amps. This was determined to be adequate for routine park events (i.e., Shandaken Day, the Car Show, etc.) Apparently some of the participants in the Annual Pow Wow who hook up campers over several days were requesting increased service. It was decided that, since this park is not a campground, additional service will not be pursued.

Six new swing seats have been ordered for the park and will be installed next week.

John has initiated discussions with the contractor for the Big Indian Bridge work, Ecco. Ecco has offered to have their landscape architect discuss the state of the land which Big Indian Park will acquire when the new bridge opens. John also requested they consider donating funds for a new band shell. The project manager agreed to bring this request to upper management.

Smith Park - Carole shared concern about the driveway into the park. The winter storms have caused major erosion. She will reach out to the Highway Superintendent. The Highway Department did determine that they don't have appropriate equipment to repave the tennis court. The Town Supervisor offered to research commercial pavers. An update from Cherry Fencing indicates that current cost for replacing the court fence will likely run \$10,000. Board discussion raised the question of how much use would the new court attract. Carole agreed to talk with folks from the tennis community in Fleischmanns (Sindy Becker, Muriel Stone, Mark Berman) to learn from their experience.

Amelia, from the Zephyr Restaurant in Pine Hill, has offered, with the assistance of kids from the Pine Hill Community, to take over maintenance and, particularly, watering of the gardens in the park.

Glenbrook Park - Kevin VanBlarcum agreed to clean and stain the children's bench and then place it in the playground area. He has also agreed to install the Memorial Bench for Kathryn Kutz Wygant. Hopefully this will happen within the next two weeks.

Kathy reported that she will be planting some flowers near the pavilion to beautify the area. The baseball season is off to a good start.

Parish Field - Carol has notified the Highway Department of broken tree limbs that are a hazard. She has also forwarded to the Town a letter concerning this problem from the Parish Council. Martie will follow up with the Town Supervisor. The priority for Parish Field will be reorienting the playground area of the field.

New Business

Annual Fundraiser - It was agreed that we would return to the format used two years ago for our fundraiser. The event will focus on adults, offer a cash bar and a buffet supper. Individual "angels" will be contacted to help underwrite the cost of the food. Martie will contact Catskill Seasons to pursue the possibility of holding the event in mid-September at their location. We will be holding a raffle and members should remain alert for possible prizes.

Next Meeting: **3:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 12**