

Shandaken Parks & Recreation Board

Meeting

June 4, 2018

Call to Order - 2:00 p.m.

Present: Amelia Hegemen
Martie Gales
John Michellotti
Carol Urban
Kathy Williams

Kevin VanBarclum

Glenbrook Park – Kathy Williams

Baseball games have begun and seem to be going well. There was a wedding held in early April and Kathy reported to the Town Clerk that the park was left in good condition and the deposit could be returned. An order for new horseshoes will be sent out. The new game materials will be stored in a locked area. Parties renting the park will be given access.

Kathy is planning to set two large flowers pots to highlight the entrance. Kevin offered to create the planters from whiskey barrels.

Parish Field and Simpson Minipark – Carol Urban

The Phoenicia Festival of the Voice needs to secure their dates on our central calendar. Carol plans to check on it. Dangerous hanging limbs have been removed by the highway department. Carol will check on the solidity of the basketball hoop stanchions.

The field will be needing chips under the “Star Gazer” climber. Kevin offered to provide help with spreading the chips.

A question has been raised about adding parking slots at the entrance to the field. We need confirmation from the Town that this will happen. When the new playground equipment, picnic table and grill are installed, we would like to

reorient the focus to create a more distinct family/play area. Eventually we would like to set a path of paving stones, set in the grass, to help distinguish the area.

Smith Park – Amelia Hegeman

Amelia reported that the park is getting lots of use. She has plans to supplement the raised flower bed.

Kevin reported that a Free Style Committee has been formed in Pine Hill consisting of residents and young riders. He has been in touch with Pillar Design Studios, experts in designing skate parks of all sizes. Smith Park has 7,000-10,000 sq. ft. available for a concrete free style park which would offer multi-season use. A Flood Analysis Study has already been completed.

The next step would be to contract for a professional design which is estimated to cost \$6,500. To date \$3,900 has been donated towards the free style park by the Turkey Trot, an additional \$800 is expected from the Pine Hill Block Party of 2017, and the proceeds from this year's Bruce Storey Memorial Golf Tournament are designated for this project. In addition, there is a pre-existing fund for a skate park that was set up a few years ago.

Once a design has been created, the project will be presented to the Town Board and application will be made to the Tony Hawk Foundation, which would be reviewed in November.

It was suggested that pictures be taken to document the process.

Big Indian Park – John Michelotti

The Port-a-Potty has not yet been installed for the season. Someone posted several "No Smoking" signs. These had not been approved by the Town and were removed. Plans for installation of Disc Golf will be pursued after the bandstand site is determined. Plans to "repurpose" the small pavilion will be explored.

The campaign to raise funds for a new bandstand was initiated by the Big Indian Beautification Committee. A \$20,000 projected budget has been set. The budget includes 16' vinyl octagon bandstand, electricity with Cat. 6 wiring, site preparation and landscaping.

To date the following funds have been committed:

- \$4,450 Contributions from hamlet residents
- \$3,000 Big Indian Beautification Committee
- \$4,000 Big Indian Park Watershed Account
- \$5,000 Belleayre Conservatory

Plans are underway to solicit local banks including Key Bank, Ulster Savings, and Community Bank. In addition, several generous individuals with ties to the community will be contacted, including Jay Jacobs and Emily Fisher. We will be investigating how to proceed with purchases; while multiple quotes will be sought, it is our hope that the project will be exempt from sales tax and formal bidding.

John will be making a presentation to the Town Board at the 7:00 p.m. July 2nd meeting. Board members were encouraged to come and support him.

Old Business

Plans for the installation of new playground equipment, picnic tables, and grills are taking shape. Kevin is organizing a crew of helpers who will tackle this work on the weekends. Rob Stanley, Supervisor, is seeking support from the highway department for some of the tasks. In particular, installation of new chains for the swings requires special tools. Big Indian Park has two new swing seats that should be installed when the new chains go in that park.

Martie requested that she be informed of work plans so that individual park managers could participate in decisions regarding placement of new equipment. We would also like to be on hand to offer support and refreshments.

The goal, set by Kevin, is to have this work completed by mid-July.

Next Meeting: Monday, July 9 – 2 p.m.
Gailes residence
21 Church Road, Big Indian