

Shandaken Parks Meeting

06/13/2022 @ Parish Field

Attendance:

Keving VanBlarcum- Liaison to town board

Gael Alba- Parks and Recreation Chair

John Michelotti- Big Indian Park (Big Indian)

Samantha Awand-Gortel- Parish Field (Phoenicia)

Kathy Williams- Glenbrook Park (Shandaken)

Kathleen Fitzsimmons- On behalf of Manny Jean Pierre- Shandaken Summer Recreation Program

Not Present:

Jesse Hooker- Smith Park (Pine Hill)

May Meeting:

- Kevin Vanblarcum made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by John Michelotti. Approved.

Smith Park:

- Pickleball Court
 - Grant Avery Park has turned their tennis courts into pickleball courts, but they have nets that are not used. Gael would like to see if these nets could be rented from them for a small amount per month (\$1)
 - John suggested that the current net at Smith Park be loosened to create what is needed for a pickleball court.

Parish Field:

- Samantha already purchased basketball nets and replaced the one that was missing.
- Tree limbs near basketball court have been trimmed.
- Waiting for seal coating on basketball court to be donated by Antonio Lopez (local contractor.) If this does not work out, some of the individuals who use the court would be willing to chip in financially and seal coat the court themselves.
- Photos have been taken and sent to Cara Grant for additional tree limbs near kids slide and swings. Cara will get this on the calendar in the near future.
- Kevin did notice that the slide needs to be reinforced.
- **4th of July Field Day**- Phoenicia Business Association.
 - Immediately following the parade.
 - Anyone looking to march in the parade/participate with a float, should arrive at the Phoenicia Elementary School no later than 10:30am for lineup. Parade kick off at 11am from the school, onto Route 214 and down Main Street to Parish Field.
 - \$200.00 prize for the best float.
 - Classic cars are also welcome.
 - Open to the public.
 - Numerous booths, games and activities, hosted by local non-profit organizations.
 - BBQ- Mary's Cookin Again

- Live music- Dogs on Shady Lane
- Volunteers are welcome!

Big Indian Park:

- **Catskill Mountain Classic Car Club- Big Indian Car Show – June 26th- Gates open at 8am.**
- **Music Lineup**
 - July 3rd- Adam Ippolito- Pianist
 - July 17th - Wyld Blu
 - August 7th – Sarah Milonovich & Daisy Cutter
 - August 21st- Thunder Ridge
 - August 28th – Country Express
- Metal detecting weekend- September 10th and 11th
- Martie Gailes- Big Indian Beautification Committee- Need volunteers for flower planting. Samantha e-mailed Martie to ask what day and time she is looking to do this.
 - Martie clarified that this was not for a Shandaken park specifically, but to look for a professional arborist to remove a dangerous dead tree and mow a lot in Big Indian which they have been taking care of as well as a perennial garden.

Glenbrook Park:

- Flowers need to be planted in the barrels.
- Complaints from Mountain Valley Little League volunteers/parents about the work the town is doing. The town has been very supportive financial and with facilitating repairs. The complaints are being addressed.
 - \$1700- Dirt for the field
 - \$400- Lights to be repaired
 - Waiting for an electrician that is willing to use the towns bucket truck to fix this. Blizzard Electric has been contacted.
 - Joyce contacted the company that we rent the porta potty from to let them know they aren't being cleaned as often as they are paid to.
- **Volunteers Cleanup Day- July 9th 12pm-6pm**
 - Garbage bags
 - Gardening tools
 - Gloves
 - The dog park fence was accidentally hit and has been temporarily fixed. It will be secured better on cleanup day.
 - Clean and paint the handicapped bathroom.
 - Reinforce the long benches at the end of the pavilion.
- Dog park signage has been completed by Kurt Boyer and we hope to have these mounted within the next week or so.
- It was suggested to have a sign-in book for the park, similar to the trailhead sign-in books.

Shandaken Summer Recreation Program:

- Opening day is July 6th.
- Letters are being mailed out to local residents to sign up their children for the summer program.
- Currently have 5-10 councilors interested.

- Setting up a booth at the 4th of July Field Day to help recruitment and help manage some of the games/activities.
- The town board members will hold a meeting on July 5th at 1pm to approve the hiring of councilors.
- Kevin is arranging the payment for use of Belleayre Beach.
- Rayla- Former Director will be at the camp part-time this year.

Next Meeting- Monday July 11th @ 6pm at Smith Park in Pine Hill