

## **Parks & Recreation Committee**

### **June Meeting Minutes - 06/11/2024 @ 6pm- Glenbrook Park**

#### **Attendance:**

Samantha Awand-Gortel- Committee Chair  
Barbara Mansfield- Parish Field Manager  
Autumn Brookmire- Big Indian Manager  
Nolan Wilder- Rock Cut Park Interim Manager

#### **Guests:**

Dog Park- Maria Turgeon, Catherine del Tufo  
Town of Shandaken Highway- Steve White

#### **Not In Attendance:**

Kevin Van Blarcum- Liaison to town board  
Kathy Williams- Glenbrook Manager  
Nick Torres- Smith Park Manager

- **Meeting called to order at 6:08 pm**
- **May meeting minutes approval-**
  - **Motion made by** - Babs
  - **Seconded by-** Nolan
  - **All in favor** Y
- **Table at 4<sup>th</sup> of July Bazaar- 07/06 (rain date 07/07)** Sam will not be able to man this table, but hoping some of you can help spread the word on our project and possibly capture new donations.
  - Autumn will setup the table for us!
- **Resolution for ARPA Funds-** At the May Town Board meeting, a resolution was passed to designate \$20k from the ARPA funds to our parks project, on top of the \$20k we have as our normal budget line balance!

- **Glenbrook Park:**

- ***Dog Park-***

- Gazebo Assembly

- We need assembly assistance.
      - Can we choose a date that works for some of the local dog park users to help us?
      - We will place this is the far corner adjacent to the playground, facing the flagpole on the hill where the old shed used to be.
      - We will need to cement the 4 pillars in the ground.

- Fence Repairs

- Fill in the holes along the bottom of the fence so dogs don't get out.
      - Use larger stones so they cannot dig out in the future.
      - Entrance to smaller section of dog park from inside the larger section will be blocked off and only accessible to highway when mowing. There is an entrance from the outside for this section.

- Agility Equipment

- Highway will give us a 10' culvert pipe and we can line it with astro turf, so it doesn't get too hot. This will last longer than the cloth/wire equipment.

- ***Fiscal Sponsor-***

- Autumn and Babs submitted the budget and individual contributions for Glenbrook Park/Playground to Calandra at the Catskill Center and the ball is now in their court to review/discuss and decide if they are willing to be our fiscal sponsor so we can get larger donations.
    - Sam followed up with Calandra. She will send a note to Jeff Senterman to discuss the budget we submitted, the time frame we would ask for their sponsorship, % of funds raised that would go to Catskill Center, and the next steps to move forward.

- ***Fallen tree climbing structure playground element-***
  - Autumn is working on securing this structure for the playground.
  - It needs to be 30” in diameter, and 17’ long, either oak or black locust and debarked.
  - She reached out to the Catskill Forest Association, and they put her in touch with Gary Mead, who is familiar with debarking.
  - CFA supplied a list of local arborists to reach out to who might be able to help source the tree. If you know of a tree that fits the dimensions, please let us know.
    - Arbor Art- Sam’s new bank employee has a relationship with Dan.
    - Sam Ramos- Notch Tree Care
  - Highway department may need to assist us with transporting the tree.
- ***Playground Equipment-***
  - There are 4 pieces of equipment that had previously been purchased by the town but not installed. They are being stored in the shed at Town Hall.
    - We need to decide if we are going to use any of the equipment or if we should sell it.
      - Christina Davis from Woodland Playhouse may be interested in purchasing some of the pieces.
      - See attached document of equipment with photos and current retail cost and committee suggested sale price.
    - We also need to figure out what needs to be removed from other parks and what we want to do with it. Sell it or scrap it for a few dollars?
      - Steve will be removing any broken benches in each park.

- Financing new equipment-
      - Kompan, the company we were purchasing the new Glenbrook equipment from, was bought out by another company a few years ago, so Autumn's attempt at contact did not go through. She is reaching out to Karine and the Kompan rep to get updated information on if financing is still an option and a new contact.
      - We may not need to finance the equipment if our fiscal sponsor comes through, but it would be good to know the options if that does not go through.
  - **Glenbrook Project Timeline-**
    - Create a working timeline to complete ALL aspects of the park project.
      - Pavilion
      - Bathrooms
      - Dog Park
      - Playground
- **Parish Field:**
  - **MTC Wi-Fi-** They were not able to connect Wi-Fi due to some needed repairs on the electric source.
    - New plywood backboard
    - Installation of a 12x16x8 weatherproof box with a double power outlet inside.
    - 4 Electricians were contacted and Cory Ostrander/Ostrander Electric won the bid at \$1000.00.
      - As of 06/10 the highway department was making a better clearing around the pole that the electric source is connected to for easier repairs.
      - As of 06/12 Cory had the electric box fixed, and MTC hooked up the Wi-Fi on 06/13!
  - **Swings-**
    - Ask the highway department to lower the swings so children can use them without assistance.

- Ordering new chains.
- Adding mulch under the swing sets.
  
- **Smith Park:**
  - ***Soccer Goals-***
    - Nick is going to fix up the soccer posts and install the new nets purchased last year. If anyone wants to help with that, please let us know so we can figure out a good date to do this.
    - Purchase a small devise from Amazon to help us paint the lines.
    - Have this completed by August
  
- **Big Indian Park:**
  - ***Flag-*** New flag has been ordered by Barbara at the town.
  - ***Disc golf install-*** June 30<sup>th</sup>- Kevin and Autumn. If anyone else would like to help, let us know.
  
- ~~**Rock Cut Park:** Kevin update? Next meeting for the committee?~~