

**Parks & Recreation Committee
Meeting Agenda
11/20/2024 @ 5:30pm at Town Hall**

Attendance:

Samantha Awand-Gortel- Committee Chair
Barbar Mansfield- Parish Field Manager
Autumn Brookmire- Big Indian Manager
Nick Torres- Smith Park Manager
Kerry Henderson- Skate Park Manager
Nolan Wilder- Rock Cut Park Manager
Christina Varga- Resource Development

Not Present:

Kathy Williams- Glenbrook Park Manager
Kevin Van Blarcum- Town Board Liaison

Guests: NA

- **Meeting called to order at 5:32pm**
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Prior meeting minutes approval**
 - **Motion made by-** Christina
 - **Seconded by-** Autumn
 - **All in favor-** Y
- **Turkey Trot Reminder: November 30th @ 10am start at Parish Field**
 - Let Autumn know if you can volunteer.
 - In need of a photographer
- **P&R Budget:**
 - Thanks to Robert Drake, we got clarification on the remaining balance of the \$20k budget line, and a breakdown of what is expensed from that account. There are a couple of items that

seem to be duplicates, so we will clarify with Barbara Twerdak about those. We have roughly \$10-\$12k left for the year.

- Only one line item references the Heritage account (Dog Bags) and we hope to get better clarification of when/why items are marked from this account.

- **Glenbrook Park:**

- Kayla Sharon is looking for donations for repairs on the little league field snack shack. Can we help with the remaining budget funds?
- CREST Funding- Still waiting for DASNY. Autumn reached out to Elizabeth Tavaréz, District Director for NYS Senator Michelle Hinchey to discuss the right approach with DASNY. Hopefully schedule for Thursday.
- Pavilion repairs-
 - Concerns with prevailing wages- The grant doesn't specify this as a requirement, nor does the town have any official rule that this is required. The board decided that Brian Hommels prior work with townships was sufficient evidence of compliance, and the bid was officially awarded. It is on the company to be compliant regarding the prevailing wages. The town has sent him some paperwork that they are waiting to receive back completed.
- Autumn spoke with Hoppy Quick about a wood carving to install in the new playground!

- **Parish Field:**

- Swing Chain Replacement- Chains were received. Autumn and Nick will install when special needs swing is delivered.
- Special Needs Swing- Some issues with the payment, but Autumn and John LaRue are working on straightening that out.
- Loose Playground- Autumn and Babs scoped out Parish Field and came up with a general game plan. We just need to get some specifics down before moving forward.

- Suggested name of this playground- Tanbark Natural Playground.
 - Highway- Sand/Gravel? Or should we inquire with Jeff Collins? We need to talk to/coordinate with Steve from Highway.
 - Landscape fabric needed- Autumn purchased on Amazon.
- All current play equipment should have mulch under and around. Steve, can we coordinate this before the snow?
- Labor Day Weekend Event-
 - PFOA for 2025 will be held Thursday August 28th- September 1st at Parish Field.
 - Varga thought this would be a good time to officially kick off the mini-golf and hopefully the loose playground concept.
 - Collaborate with PH2 for 2026 and put together an event that spans from one end of Shandaken to the other.
- **Smith Park:**
 - Fire Department Beach Access- Would like access to Belleayre beach from the bridge that used to exist. They removed that due to access from the public without paying. Nick will discuss this with the fire department and then Kevin will reach out to ORDA/Belleayre
 - Nick suggested a bailey bridge for access.
 - Skate Park-
 - At the October Town Board meeting, the board agreed to create an official P&R Committee position for Kerry Henderson as the Skate Park Manager- Congratulations and welcome to the committee!
 - Gael Alba would like to donate a memorial bench to the skate park in memory of her son, Thomas.
 - Next steps for the park are to apply for grant funding to pay for the cost of planning/designing a concrete skate park. There will be a kickoff fundraiser over the winter at the Pine Hill Community Center.
 - Kurt Boyer installed the skate park sign!

- ~~**Big Indian:**~~

- **Rock Cut Park:**

- Sam is trying to contact people that make the most sense to have the conversation with. Hiedi Emmerich, Aaron Bennet, someone at DOT, and Paul Schiavo/Marke Loete at Trout Unlimited. Paul responded that he would be happy to have a conversation. Autumn shared Hiedi's email and Sam will connect with everyone in the new year.
- Suggestions the committee wants to share with the above individuals are art mural installations, tree net, mountain bike trail, mini golf. All of these "activities" are the safest options because of the flood zone.

Motion to adjourn made by Autumn, second by Nolan, and the meeting adjourned at 6:22pm. Our next meeting is TBD.