Shandaken Parks & Recreation Board *Draft* Meeting Notes September 17, 2012

Present: Heather Roberts, Chair Town Bd. Liaison: Alfie Higley

Martie Gailes

Sandra Stanley Guests: Tina Rice

Willy Rice

David Gilmour

Absent: Michael Formont Peter Disclafani

Carole Chanler

Call to Order – 6:45 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Minutes

Heather Roberts moved to accept the Minutes of the previous meeting as corrected. Sandy Stanley seconded. The vote was unanimous

New Business

• Winter Recreation Program

Tina Rice, director of the Town Ski Program, shared that initial negotiations with ORDA, the new management for Belleayre Ski Center, have begun. Currently they are proposing a program similar to one run at Gore Mtn. Students age 6 and under ski for free, age 8-18 will be able to purchase a ticket for six Sundays. The actual dates are unclear as holiday weekends are excluded. The full cost (\$180) is payable upfront.

Last year residents could purchase \$25 tickets week-by-week for non-holiday Sundays, Wednesdays, and snow days. 75 children and 229 adults participated. It would be useful to have comparative information describing what programs other ski centers offer their local residents. The following areas will be contacted:

Plattekill – Heather Roberts Wyndham – Heather Roberts Hunter – Martie Gailes Jiminey Peak – Martie Gailes Butternut – Martie Gailes Tina is concerned that time is of the essence as the cost of regular passes increase each month. Tina would like to launch a letter campaign expressing the popularity of last year's program.

Communications, Conditions and Recommendations

Big Indian

The park recently hosted a community picnic which was attended by over 70 people. The new BBQ was initiated. David Gilmour conducted a site visit on September 5.

Pine Hill

David Gilmour conducted a site visit with Carole Chanler, park manager. He requested information concerning the Greenway Grant that created the walking trail.

Glenbrook Park

The resolution passed at last month's meeting requesting that the sand box be removed needs to be forwarded to Rob. Sandy and David scheduled a site visit for September 25.

Parish Field

Heather spoke to Michael Formont, park manager, regarding tightening bolts on the swings and securing padding for the basketball pole. It was agreed that Sandy would pursue purchasing the padding. Martie shared a internet listing of padding sources. Heather and David will meet for site visits of Parish Field, Simpson Park and the Emerson Fields on September 25.

Emerson Fields

It's unclear if the Town has been mowing the fields. Heather was going to check with the highway department. The parking has expanded to adjacent Rte 28 to prevent cars from blocking Jeff Collin's trucks.

Old Business

Comprehensive Plan

David Gilmour, planner, reviewed the materials sent to him describing the process and responses to our survey. He suggested the descriptive materials be used (cut and paste) as the Comprehensive Plan takes shape. He requested the following materials:

- Current contact list for the board
- > Additional pictures of proposed River Walk
- > Information on Greenway Trail grant

- Description of Emerson Field Use characteristics
- > Clarification of lease restrictions on Town Parks
- Clarification regarding any recreational provisions included in the Belleayre Resort Compromise Agreement

Currently, a contract has not yet been completed between the Town and Gilmour Planning. In order for work to go forward, this needs to happen. David indicated that he did not feel it was necessary for the board to act, as he believed it would be accomplished soon.

Next Meeting Scheduled for:

6:30 p.m. Monday, October 15, 2012

<u>Adjournment</u>

8:35 p.m. Heather Roberts moved and Sandy Stanley seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The vote was unanimous.