

Shandaken Parks Meeting
03/08/2023 @ the Town Hall

Attendance:

Kevin VanBlarcum- Liaison to the town board

Samantha Awand-Gortel- Parks & Recreation Committee Chair

Kathy Williams- Glenbrook Park (Shandaken)

Robert Stanley- Guest

Autumn Brookmire- Guest (applied for Parish Field manager)

Not Present:

Manuella Jeanpierre- Smith Park (Pine Hill)

John Michelotti- Big Indian Park (Big Indian)

➤ **Spring projects list:** See attached document.

- All highway department tasks have been sent to Cara Grant for scheduling in the spring.
- A couple of other items were added at this meeting.

➤ **Funding for projects:**

- The Town of Shandaken has a budget line marked Contractual. There is roughly \$25,000.00 in that budget and funds are currently only used for Summer Recreation- Transportation, field trips, and additional maintenance.
 - In the past there have been ample funds left over after Summer Recreation spending. Hoping to use some of the remaining funds for parks maintenance and updates.
 - \$5000.00 in Heritage fund that we could use.
- Ulster County Municipal Grant- Matching grant. 50% fund match with 25% of that from in-kind donations. Application deadline April 14th, 2023!

➤ **Parks Proposal:** Autumn Brookmire- See attached proposal.

- Create more natural playgrounds utilizing boulders/stone, logs, and stumps etc.
- Karine Duteil is a landscape designer that as helped with parks in other parts of Ulster County.
- Autumn will ask her to check out all 4 parks and come up with a natural concept for each and an estimated cost.
- From there we can start to solicit donations for materials and labor. We will then know how much funding we will need and can appropriately apply for grant money.

Below is the link to Karine's website and a PDF of her portfolio.

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➤ **After-School Environmental Programming:** Idea presented outside of meeting by Tania Barricklo

- Utilize Parish Field (potentially other areas in Shandaken) for the following after-school educational activities:
 - Lessons in growing our own food and cooking with what we grow.
 - Nature-based activities including hiking, tracking, shelter building, wilderness survival, fishing, and bird, tree, plant identification taught by local experts.
 - Mentoring between high school age and younger children.
 - Engaging seniors and adults in the community to share their knowledge and skills related to the outdoors, growing vegetables, and crafts.
 - Community building activities and skills.
- Separately, Tania would like to start a monthly gathering of music and dance, specifically contra and square dancing. These gatherings would

serve to raise funds for the program if it is not an option through the Town of Shandaken.

Next meeting 04/12/2023- location TBD depending on weather.