

Shandaken Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting

May 7th @ 6pm – Glenbrook Park

Attendance:

Kevin VanBlarcum- Board Liaison

Samantha Awand-Gortel- Committee Chair

Nick Torres- Smith Park

Nolan Wilder- Rock Cut Park

Autumn Brookmire- Big Indian Park

Barbara Mansfield- Parish Field

Not Present:

Kathy Williams- Glenbrook Park

Christina Varga- Resource Development

Guests: Allen Vella, Gisi Vella, Catherine del Tufo, Maria Turgeon- Dog Park

- Meeting called to order @6:42pm
- ~~April Meeting Minutes Approval~~
 - ~~Motion to approve:~~
 - ~~Seconded by:~~
- Dog Park:
 - Roughly \$3000 in funds available for dog park upgrades.
 - Request for shade trees/mini pavilion and bench.
 - Water source from bathroom under the driveway and down to the park. This will make watering new plants easier too.
 - Ulster County Arbor Day Tree Planting- Bethia from CAC sent a link for an application to receive trees to plant in the dog park! Looped in Gisi Vella and Catherine del Tufo as they originally requested trees.
 - Application submitted by Robert Drake and Babs on 5/17.
 - Suggested to plant trees in the fall.
 - Catherine will get a list of native trees that would work best.
 - Fence repair needed. Additionally, some sort of fill at the far corner of the fence bc dogs can potentially escape.
 - Make new agility equipment from culvert pipes as they will last longer in than cloth option.

- **Glenbrook:**
 - **DEC Smart Growth Grant-** We are excited to announce that we have been awarded \$125K from the grant we applied for! This money will be used for the Glenbrook upgrades. Thank you, Babs, and Robert Drake, for putting the application information together and submitting for us.
 - We will need to put out requests for bids on anything we are paying for.
 - Sam, Babs, and Autumn had a workshop meeting with Robert and Peter to clarify the use of these funds and reviewed what we put together for potential use of ARPA funds. At present, Peter felt there were uses with higher priority than, but did pledge an additional \$20,000 for the Glenbrook updates.
 - **Fiscal Sponsor-** We can then figure out the adjusted gap in funding needed. We may need to do the playground in phases if we cannot find a sponsor to help with more funding. We've explored the possibility of fiscal sponsorship with:
 - Catskill Mountain Keeper
 - SHARP Committee
 - Good Work Institute
 - Catskill Center
 - **In-Kind Donations-** If you know anyone that is willing and able to help us install the playground equipment or help with any other aspect of the upgrade, please let me know. This also includes any business owners that could help contribute supplies or machinery.
 - **Pergola-** Sams Club- 2 options
 - **Kompan-** the company that we will purchase play equipment from has financing for 24-60 months if we aren't able to come up with the full cost of the equipment and install.
- **Parish Field:** The church has decided to go back to our original lease agreement of \$1 per year, hopefully for a long-term lease. Thank you to the local Parishioners for sending a letter expressing their support for our request!