

## **Shandaken Parks Meeting**

**05/09/2022 @ Glenbrook Park**

### **Attendance:**

**Kevin VanBlarcum** – Liaison to town board  
**Gael Alba**- Parks and Recreation Chair  
**John Michelotti** – Big Indian Park (Big Indian)  
**Samantha Awand-Gortel**- Parish Field (Phoenicia)

### **Not Present:**

**Jesse Hooker**- Smith Park (Pine Hill)  
**Kathy Williams**- Glenbrook Park (Shandaken)

### **Parks Manager Responsibilities:**

- Visit each park on a regular basis and see what is needed.
  - Garbage pickup- Park Manager
  - Tree trimming- Town Highway Department (Cara Grant-[shandakenhighway@gmail.com](mailto:shandakenhighway@gmail.com))
  - Equipment replacement/fix- Town Highway Department
  - Larger projects may need grant funding or donations (i.e. seal coat/paving of basketball courts)

### **Recurring Parks Meetings:**

- The second Monday of each month from May through September.
- Alternate meeting location to each of the parks so that all managers and chairs can take note of what is needed.

### **Scheduling Park Events:**

- Contact Town Clerk, Joyce Grant, to reserve space at any of the Shandaken Parks. ([shandakenclerk@yahoo.com](mailto:shandakenclerk@yahoo.com))
  - Include: Name, Date, Number of people.
  - Any event 500+ attendees will need a permit.

### **Parish Field:**

- Sending pricing for new basketball hoop nets.
- Looking for donation to seal coat or re-pave the basketball court.
- New court lines to be spray painted.
- Tree limbs near corner of the court need to be trimmed.
- Tree limbs above the kids slide need to be trimmed.
- New additions to the playground- Look at what the town already has- New swing seats, bouncy frog and squirrel, possibly rock climbing wall.
- Possible concert series (see Big Indian Park below) and see if PBA can help pay the band or if the band would be willing to do it for free. (Need to check electricity option)

### **Glenbrook Park:**

- Kurt Boyer-
  - New park sign and rules. Town paying for this.
  - Plaque listing all individual donors for dog park fencing.
  - Business signs for \$500+ donors for dog park fencing. Hanging on the inside fence facing the road so they are visible to cars passing by as well as people inside the park.
- Little League Field-
  - Town paid for new dirt and sand for the field.
  - Little League coordinators/parents take care of maintaining the field and the restrooms as well as the snack shack.
  - When in need of something they approach the town and see how they can help. (i.e. tree removal and debris cleanup after tree fell in a storm)

### **Smith Park:**

- Pickle ball court-Need 4 foot fencing around the current court and paint new lines.

### **Big Indian Park:**

- Concert Series-
  - Begins Memorial Day and runs 4 Sundays in the summer.
  - Let John Michelotti know if any bands are interested in playing.
  - Typically paid \$400 from the Big Indian Oliveria Beautification Committee.
  - Free to attend.

### **Grant Writing:**

- Search for grants that will accomplish what the parks want/need and see if the following individuals might help write the grants.
  - Jane Todd- Phoenicia Food Pantry
  - Marty Gailes- Big Indian Oliveria Beautification Committee
  - Robert Drake- Town Board Member

### **Metal Detecting Group:** John Michelotti [Home](#) | [noreasters](#)

- September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> 2022
- Always looking for new areas to detect/dig. Anyone with property they would allow them to use would be welcomed.

**\*Next meeting- Monday June 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm at Parish Field in Phoenicia\***  
Guest Manny Jean-Pierre representing Summer Recreation Program.