

**Parks & Recreation Committee
Town Board Meeting Report
February 3, 2025**

Paperwork was submitted by Board member Drake to the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) for CREST funding. As our award was in 2024, we are hopeful that our allocation via Hinchey's office will be forthcoming, despite uncertainty of any federal and state funding for 2025.

Samantha Awand-Gortel is on leave from the committee. Every member of the Committee wishes her well and hopes to see her involved again. Barbara Mansfield will be serving as interim chair, at Samantha's request, until her return. We are trying to schedule meetings for February and March.

Before she left, Sam scheduled Park & Rec to be Ulster Savings Business of the Month. Autumn Brookmire and her kids have created a wonderful display and a mailing list sign up. We will have a Love Your Park Day in May and will use our mailing list to invite volunteers to help us set up our Tanbark Natural Play Area. Head over the Ulster Savings to see examples of what a natural play area is.

Christina Varga and I are looking to set up mini golf in Parish Field by the last week in August. We need to who to contact to best determine what spaces need to remain clear for emergency helicopter landings. Please advise Committee Member Mansfield as soon as possible.

My hope is that our Board liaison(s) can update the committee on the company that won the bid for Glenbrook pavilion, specifically if the company has a schedule yet?

Can the Town update its online application for usage of the parks as soon as possible?
Specifically, please add:

- 1) Simpson (mini park) and Smith Park to the application, and
- 2) Add question: "Is event open to the public?" This question should clarify need for office to follow up on event insurance.

A copy of Kingston's Parks application is with this report for the Town Clerk to consider what else might be added.