

# Shandaken Parks Meeting

07/11/2022 @ Smith Park

## Attendance:

**Samantha Awand-Gortel**- Parish Field (Phoenicia)

**John Michelotti**- Big Indian Park (Big Indian)

**Kathy Williams**- Glenbrook Park (Shandaken)

**Jesse Hooker**- Smith Park (Pine Hill)

## Not Present:

**Kevin VanBlarcum**- Liaison to the town board

**Gael Alba**- Parks and Recreation Chair

## June Meeting:

- Kathy Williams made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by John Michelotti. Approved.

## Smith Park:

- Jesse Hooker said he would like to step down from his role as the Smith Park manager.
  - Suggestion made to ask Rob Stanley to fill this role as he is a former board member and resident of Pine Hill.
  - This will not be official until there is a resolution for manager change at a future Shandaken Town Board meeting.
- Pickleball-
  - Existing tennis court would work for two pickleball courts.
  - Resurfacing of the court would need to be done.
- General maintenance items-
  - New net for at least one of the soccer goals.
  - Entrance sign needs to be repainted.
  - Basketball court needs to be resurfaced.
  - There is an issue with water pooling down the entrance road when it rains. Is this a state or town responsibility to maintain.

## Parish Field:

- 4th of July Parade and Field Day-
  - The day was beautiful and many people attended the parade and followed to the Parish Field for activities, music and food.
  - There are changes that will be made for 2023.
  - Suggested to have someone from the Citizens Advisory Committee bring in booths for things like solar energy alternatives.
    - John Michelotti and Bruce Barry are on this committee.
  - Suggested to have mini pumper fire trucks to act as a “sprinkler” during the event.
  - Suggested that fire trucks, EMS/ambulance vehicles, sheriffs van and K-9 attend next year for the kids to see and take tours of.

### **Big Indian Park:**

- Concert series have not been well attended this year thus far. Hopefully some of the upcoming bands will draw larger crowds.
- How can we advertise this more and spread the word?
  - Samantha suggested creating an event on social media for the summer concert series. These events can be boosted at a low cost to broaden the reach on the internet.
  - Post something in the closed group for Phoenicia on Facebook.

### **Glenbrook Park:**

- Park cleanup day-
  - Initial date mentioned was Saturday July 9<sup>th</sup>. This was not coordinated in time and did not happen. Meeting attendees agreed to postpone the cleanup until the summer season has ended.
  - Add to the current list of park “rules” that people must clean up after their dogs.

### **General Mentions:**

- Parks managers would like to know the exact budget for Parks and Recreation so that we can decide where funds should be allocated amongst the 4 parks.
  - Some parks need more than others.
- Joyce Grant sent an email with Park Rental Applications.
  - Glenbrook and Big Indian are utilized the most because of the pavilion space.
  - Reserved days are marked on the town calendar. Those who submit the application have the first right to the park/pavilion.
  - Rule of thumb is that ANY activity in the park utilizing the pavilion, bathrooms, grill, electric, basketball courts, baseball field etc. should submit a rental application, especially if they are a group of 10 or more. Suggested that signs be made to notify people of the rental application as well as NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (unless by permit)
- Jesse Hooker- Volunteers
  - At The Urban Cowboy, Jesse said there are many corporate retreat groups that look for these types of volunteer opportunities.
  - If there are future park projects that can be added to a to-do list and given to Jesse he might be able to get helping hands in the near future.