

**Shandaken Recreation Board
Draft Minutes
April 8, 2013**

Call to Order – 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

The following were present:

- Chair, Heather Roberts
- Big Indian Park Manager - Martie Gales
- Glenbrook Park Manager – Sandra Stanley
- Parish Field – Carol Urban
- Smith Park – Carole Chanler, Lisa Schnack

Also Present: Alfie Higley, Board Liaison
 David Gilmour, Planner

Minutes

Heather moved and Sandy seconded that the minutes from the February meeting be accepted. The vote was unanimous. There were no official minutes from the March meeting as it lacked a quorum.

Communications, Conditions and Recommendations

Big Indian Park – no new developments.

Smith Park – No new developments. Work will soon be scheduled to execute the Rotary Foundation Grant. It was suggested that before purchasing any materials a letter signed by the Town Supervisor on official stationery be prepared. The purpose of the letter will be to request donations and/or discounts.

Glenbrook Park – Although the lights have been switched on and are working, a concern was raised by Kevin Christofora from Little League. Sandra will contact him. Little League has requested new sod be placed in the field. Work on this will take place in the fall. Volunteers will be organized for digging up the old sod and planting the new.

Parish Field – Currently all is quiet in the park. Wood chips need to be put down around playground equipment. Town wood chips can be used, however, a finer grade of chips is needed. While Jeff Collins can provide chips for a fee, it was suggest that Eric Hofmeister, Highway Superintendent, be contacted to see if the Town’s wood chips could be processed twice to provide the quality needed.

Parish Field – Continued

Carol Urban, park manager, expressed concern about very large rocks that appear to be sliding down the hillside. It was suggested that she contact the DEC for advice on how to stabilize the hillside.

Recreational Holdings – Soccer starts next week. AYSO Reg. 732 representing Shandaken and Woodstock has handled the arrangements without controversy.

Communications – Martie Gales, secretary, shared an e-mail inviting participation in a petition to support Friends of the Catskill Mt. Rail Trail. There will be a meeting 7:00 p.m. April 16 at the Ulster County Legislature.

The Ashokan Stream Mgt. Recreation Committee has asked Martie and David to present an update on developments for the Comprehensive Plan, 10 a.m. April 15 at the Cornell Co-operative office.

Heather Roberts, chair, shared her intention, once the Comprehensive Plan is complete, to resign from the Parks and Recreation Board due to increased family obligations. She will continue to organize the Turkey Trot at Thanksgiving and looks forward to helping as a resource to the Board.

Old Business

Summer Recreation – Reyla, camp director, has been invited to attend the May meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board.

The concern for hiring a Spanish speaking counselor has been communicated to Reyla.

The Town Board has indicated that they did not support setting fees for participants. It was agreed that a subcommittee consisting of Martie Gales, Lisa Schnack and Carole Chanler will work on developing a letter requesting donations of support for the summer program. The subcommittee will also explore other fundraising approaches—i.e. signs for the Little League field, tree medallions, etc.

Last year a concern was raised that we are requiring counselors to attend training without being paid. It was confirmed by the State Labor Department that this practice is illegal. Though a resolution was passed by the Parks and Recreation Board to pay for training, the Town Supervisor, concerned with budget constraints, did not act on the resolution in 2012.

Concerned that the Town be in compliance with State law, Heather Roberts moved and Sandy Stanley seconded that the summer recreation counselors be paid for their four-hour training session. The vote was unanimous.

Comprehensive Plan – The comment period for the Town Board and public has been closed. No written comments were received. Alfie Higley, board liaison, reported on a concern shared with him that the plan did not include prioritized goals. It was felt that the amended version does this in stating whether goals are immediate or long term as each topic is raised. Also the conclusion lists specific, though purposely broad goals.

David Gilmour, planner, reviewed specific areas that require modification. Martie Gales gave David her copy of the March Draft which noted typographical corrections. David will amend the document and add a Table of Contents. Pictures for the front cover are still needed. It was suggested board members e-mail to David photos of possibly the following events:

Shandaken Day
Festival of Voice
Turkey Trot

Flowers in the Parks
Big Indian Pow Wow
Water photos

Carol Urban moved that we accept the March Draft as amended as our final Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan, 2013. Heather Roberts seconded. The vote was unanimous.

A suggestion will be sent to the Town Supervisor that the Town's attorney review the draft as posted on line.

David will forward to Martie, after April 15th, an amended final Draft of the Comprehensive Plan. Martie will duplicate and bind the document. The Plan will be presented by Heather at the May 6th Town Board Meeting. After their acceptance, the Town will conduct a short form SEQRA and then submit the document to the County Planner, Dennis Doyle.

Park board members were reminded to submit volunteer hours to Martie in preparation for grant reimbursement documentation for the Town.

Fishing Fundraiser - The Emerson has offered to host a fundraiser to support youth recreation in Shandaken. A prime rib dinner will be held 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 29. 100 tickets will be sold for \$15 each. Board members are asked to take responsibility for selling 12 tickets each. The Town Clerk's Office will have the remaining tickets available for sale.

It was suggested that Martie contact Tony Lanza from the Emerson and Rob Stanley, town supervisor, who had put together the plans to get approval for holding a raffle and setting up a donation jug at the event.

At a later date, youngsters from the Town will be invited to attend a fly fishing training session held in Parish Field. Rods will be given to attendees, lunch will be provided, and in the afternoon youngsters will test out their skills at a fishing site.

New Business – Lisa Schnack is investigating grants for providing lunches for kids during summer. Carol Urban urged her to contact Diane Reeder from Kingston's Queen's Galley as she runs this type of program.

Adjournment – 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Martie Gailes, Board Secretary