

**Shandaken Recreation Board  
Draft Minutes  
May 13, 2013**

Call to Order – 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

The following were present:

- Big Indian Park Manager - Martie Gailes
- Glenbrook Park Manager – Sandra Stanley
- Parish Field – Carol Urban
- Smith Park – Lisa Schnack
- Summer Recreation Director – Reyla Hart

Absent: Heather Roberts, Chair  
Carole Chanler, Smith Park Manager

Minutes

Carol Urban moved and Sandy seconded that the minutes from the April meeting be accepted as corrected. The vote was unanimous.

Communications, Conditions and Recommendations

Big Indian Park – Plans have been set to plant Supertunias in the large pots throughout the park and hamlet Saturday, May 18, weather permitting.

Smith Park – Carole was unable to attend the meeting, but had reported that she will attend a meeting Saturday morning, May 18 at the Pine Hill Community Center for the purpose of discussing the Parks and Rec. Comprehensive Plan and the proposed improvements to Smith Park to be funded by the Rotary Grant.

Glenbrook Park – Little League has requested new sod be placed in the field. Work on this will not take place before the fall or next spring. Concerns were raised by Little League concerning a wet area in the field. The soggy area appears to be caused by run off from the hillside and a broken underground drainage pipe buried in the area. Someone had placed a sheet of plywood down to cover the soggy grass and a youngster slipped. There was no serious injury. The director of Shandaken Little League had suggested they would hire a contractor to fix the problem and bill the town. It was explained that anyone who works in the Town Park would first have to submit a bid and be selected by the Town Board.

Vandalism of the bathrooms continues to be a problem.

The Board agreed that we should request that when the town mows the parks weed whacking be done as well.

Parish Field – Town wood chips are only available in a course grade. As the field has no funds, plans to purchase a finer grade of chip are on hold. It was noted that several bales of molding hay and a pile of unused moldy chips have been left in the park. Carol Urban will request that the highway superintendent arrange to remove these two potentially hazardous items. Other options for removing the moldy materials include recruiting a volunteer with a truck. Arrangements would need to be made to remove the chain barrier.

It was determined that the large rocks at the edge of park are not in danger of slipping.

Recreational Holdings – Soccer is taking place on the Emerson Fields.

Communications – Martie Gales, secretary, shared a letter received from the Catskill Heritage Alliance concerning the Comprehensive Plan. She will review carefully and draft a response.

Martie Gales and David Gilmore presented an update on developments for the Comprehensive Plan, April 15<sup>th</sup> at the meeting of the Ashokan Stream Recreation Committee.

Thank you letters went out to the Town Board and the CEO and marketing directors of the Emerson for their efforts to support youth recreation.

### Old Business

Summer Recreation – Reyla Hart, summer recreation director, submitted her application which Martie will deliver to Town Hall. She intends to begin immediately on Health Department paperwork.

Camp runs Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday from July 9 through August 15. Last year 120 registered. The largest age group tends to be 8-11 year olds.

Interviews for counselors are tentatively set for Monday, June 24. Reyla would like to be able to offer a third tier in the salaries for counselors. Currently there is a beginning level and a slightly higher level for returning counselors. In the past several counselors have returned with more than three years experience, but have been paid at the same second tier rate. The concern for hiring a

### Summer Recreation (cont'd)

Spanish speaking counselor has been noted and bi-lingual applicants will be sought.

Reyla is preparing a letter to parents which, with the help of Tina Rice, will go out in a town-wide mailing. No fee will be charged but donations are encouraged. **Before** the letter goes out several items need to be clarified:

1. Will the Supervisor continue to make arrangements for UCAT and the last day BBQ?

2. What is the budget for the program?

How much can be spent on the July 31 field trip?

Several options are being considered including:

- Ulster County Fair
- NYC visit to Intrepid
- Albany visit to NYS Museum
- Visit to Minekill State Park
- Visit to an area dude ranch

This decision needs to be incorporated in the town mailing.\*

3. How much funds are available for arts and crafts?

4. Will the counselor positions be advertised on the Town website?

It was suggested that a press release be prepared for local papers to publicize the program including:

Catskill Mountain News

Country Wisdom

Watershed Post

Kingston Freeman – Spanish speaking electronic edition

A subcommittee consisting of Martie Gales, Lisa Schnack and Carole Chanler will work on developing a letter requesting donations from local businesses to support the summer program.

Comprehensive Plan – The comment period for the plan was extended until June 3. The plan will be discussed at a special meeting of the Town Board on the third.

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

Fishing Fundraiser - The Emerson fundraiser to support youth recreation in Shandaken was a great success. Over \$1700 was raised.

May 25th, 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 – no items were raised

Next Meeting – Monday, June 10, 6:30 p.m. Town Hall  
Members are also encouraged to attend the June 3 special Town Board meeting to review the Comprehensive Plan.

Adjournment – 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martie Gales, Board Secretary