

**Shandaken Parks & Recreation Board
Minutes
June 11, 2012
6:30 p.m.**

Call to Order – 6:45 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present: Sandra Stanley, Heather Roberts, Martie Gailes

Absent: Michael Formont, Carole Chanler

Also Present: Alfie Higley, Town Board Liaison
Reyla Hart, Director Summer Rec. Program
Manny Jean Pierre, Assistant Director

Minutes – Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Sandy moved and Heather seconded that they be accepted as written. The vote was unanimous.

Communications, Conditions and Recommendations

- Big Indian Park – Martie reported that plans are underway for Repairs to the large pavilion. Volunteers are planning to remove the rotted fascia board and replace it. Stain and a new board will be purchased from Wadlers to touch up the pavilion and match the new board.

Three electricians--Randy VonBernewitz of Blizzard Electric, David Meckes of Sunrise Electric and Doug Thornton--were asked to provide estimates for improving the electric service to accommodate current demands generated by larger events such as the Annual Car Show. Blizzard Electric's estimate at \$995 was the least expensive. The work is scheduled to take place prior to this year's Car Show, June 24.

After consulting with park supporters, it has been decided that three picnic tables, which are badly deteriorating and potential hazards, will be cut up and removed. This will open up the pavilion to more comfortably accommodate users.

A new volunteer (who participated in our roadside trash pickup on June 2) is a mason. We are hoping to recruit his help in creating a BBQ grill.

- Glenbrook Park – Sandy reported that a backhoe is needed to dig a hole for the flag pole. The desired location has been determined. She has been reluctant to ask the highway department as they are extremely busy with road repairs. It was suggested, however, that crews are taking equipment past the park and could be asked to stop enroute.

Rain has interfered with efforts to paint. A park meeting is planned for later this month.

- Smith Park – Carole reported by phone that she is still trying to get a consultation with tennis experts regarding possibilities for the court. She is also planning to contact Mike Wentland to explore the possibility of any flexibility in the funds for a Skate Board Park.
- Parish Field – Heather reported that the swing set bolts appeared to be loose. Either Ralph Reese or Michael will tighten them. Martie volunteered to contact people from the Festival of the Voice to ascertain the status of electric improvements for the field.
- Recreational Holdings – a new equipment shed is in place on the Emerson Fields.
- Chairman – Supervisor Stanley spoke to Heather about providing secretarial support for the Parks and Recreation Board meetings. Martie added that Joyce Grant had indicated it would be difficult for her to attend our meeting but she could supply a tape recorder and would transcribe the minutes. The board felt that at this time our volunteer secretary was sufficient. However, we will include the clerk's office in dissemination of our minutes to insure good communication.

Old Business

➤ Summer Recreation Program

Reyla Hart, Program Director, indicated that interviews for counselors will be held Monday, June 25 at 9:00 a.m. at Town Hall. If additional time is needed, interviews will also be conducted at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 26. Members of the Rec. Board will sit in.

Reyla requested that approval be given to pay counselors for attending a four hour orientation session required by the State. Heather moved that we recommend to the Town Board that the summer counselors be paid for their four hour orientation session. Sandy seconded. The vote was unanimous.

In previous years, local businesses have been solicited to help underwrite the costs of "T" shirts for the campers and counselors. Given economic conditions (post flood) and the time pressures on setting up this year's summer program, Reyla asked that the Town consider covering the cost of the shirts. The shirts are purchased from Stuckeys and will run approximately \$500. Martie moved that the Recreation Board recommend to the Town Board that the cost of this year's "T" shirts be covered by the Town. Sandy seconded. The vote was unanimous.

August 16 is the last day of camp and Board members are urged to attend the Shandaken Has Talent Show created by Summer Rec. participants and held at Belleayre Lake.

- Community Garden – There is a sign at the Phoenicia School suggesting a garden will be located there. The board has received no communication regarding it.
- Nets and Padding for Basketball Courts – No word from Jack Jordan as to the school's source for this equipment. Sandy checked Sports Equipment on line and located padding at a cost of \$49.99. She will check with Dick's Sporting Goods to see if they are competitive. Big Indian and Pine Hill Park Managers need to confirm the types of basket ball stands in their respective parks.
- Complete Streets – David Gilmour submitted by e-mail a draft of a resolution of support for Complete Streets. The board discussed the draft and made a few editing changes. Martie moved and Heather seconded that the resolution be adopted as attached. The vote was unanimous.
- Comprehensive Plan – Martie reported that 270 questionnaires have been received. The board reviewed an initial analysis of the responses Martie prepared. (See attached.)

Martie met with Supervisor Stanley for guidance on our next step which will be preparing an RFP for hiring a planner. Sample materials are available. The Parks and Rec. Board can place the ad. The Town Board will hire based on our recommendations. A month should be allowed for responses to the ad. It was agreed that a subcommittee consisting of Heather, Sandy and Martie will meet Thursday, June 14, 7:30 p.m. at Martie's house, 21 Church Road, Big Indian, to draft the RFP. It will then be given to the Supervisor for his review.

New Business

No new business was reported.

Adjournment

Heather moved at 8:30 p.m. that the meeting be adjourned. Martie seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Next Meeting: Monday, July 9, 2012
6:30 p.m. – Town Hall

**Parks and Recreation Board
Resolutions
Passed June 11, 2012**

Resolution No. 1

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Resolution No. 2

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Resolution No. 3

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