

**Parks & Recreation Committee**  
**Meeting Agenda**  
**4/28/2025 @ 5pm at Parish Field**

**In Attendance:** Nolan Wilder, Kathy Williams, Kerry Henderson, Barbara Mansfield, Autumn Brookmire, Christina Varga

**Not Present:** Keri Householder

**Guests:** Steve, Adam Zeretsky, Gary Mead

Meeting called to order at 5:13 p.m. C. Varga motioned to accept March minutes as written. N. Wilder seconded. All in favor.

**Glenbrook Park:**

Jay Shultis from Hommel showed N. Wilder how to winterize the bathrooms, as the pipes are now buried. Wilder recommends RV antifreeze in line for the new dog park line. Wilder thinks there's enough pressure for the proposed playground water feature. A splitter will need to be run from the hookup outside the bathroom. Wilder recommends shutting down the outdoor water lines in October.

A. Brookmore showed the most recent playground drawings from Kompan, the company that will be installing. C. Varga motioned to approve the drawings. K. Williams seconded. All in favor.

**Parish Field:**

Love Your Parks Day will be May 3. B. Mansfield is to send out reminder email to those who said they wanted to volunteer. About 20 volunteers are expected. Planned activities include: placing cedar edging, spreading of mulch, moving of boulders, installation of ADA Swing, adjustment of swing chains, installation of dog poop receptacle, drilling of mats, creation of Tanbark Natural Play Area and related signage. A. Brookmire is arranging for delivery of cedar logs for edging to be delivered prior to the May 3. event

Phoenicia Farm Market opens May 18, 2025. The Market raised funds for a new storage unit that will go at the south end of the field, near Parish Hall. B. Mansfield secured permission from the Parish, sharing pictures of the shed.

Phoenicia Festival of the Arts, to be held August 28- September 1, 2025 will debut a mini golf course/art installation. Artist Adam Zeretsky's foundation, BEAK, is donating the mini golf/art modules to the Town of Shandaken. B. Mansfield will draft an acknowledgement letter to BEAK from the Town of Shandaken. C. Varga is

working on agreements for local establishments to hold putters and balls for Parish Field visitors to check out and return.

C. Varga said that the art installation exemplifies IMAGINE Ulster: The Ulster County Arts and Culture Plan goals in several ways: a park as a creative resource for public art that further ensures equitable accessibility to art. Parish Field has well-established its importance as an arts venue, hosting events like Phoenicia Festival of the Voice, Killianfest Ukulele festival, Phoenicia Festival of the Arts, and weekly hands-on arts activities offered via the Phoenicia Farm Market.

### **Smith Park:**

K. Henderson is working to finish the halfpipe, specifically waterproofing it with Skatelight. The surveyor Henderson secured in preparation for creating plans for a permanent skate park needs to hear back from the DOT regarding maps. K. Henderson stated that he thinks the Town should pay for surveys of its own land assets. Henderson said that he needed to crowdfund at least \$20,000 to pay for plans, apart from the funds he will have to lay out for a survey. Mansfield asked to coordinate with the Committee regarding timing of his campaign as another is planned for benches in all the parks.

Regarding benches: Gary Mead said he had six-foot locust logs that he could make 3 benches for \$300 each for the playground at Glenbrook. The Committee was impressed by his artistry and his children's book series about trees. KaN identified recycled six-foot benches that can have memorial inscriptions added for a total cost of \$1,000 per. There is a wood option as well that totals \$1,500, with a metal plaque added. Both options will be offered in memorial bench campaign.

N. Wilder motioned to adjourn, K. Henderson 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor