

**Parks & Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes
08/12 /2024 @ 6pm at**

Attendance:

Samantha Awand-Gortel- Committee Chair
Nick Torres- Smith Park Manager
Autumn Brookmire- Big Indian Park Manager
Barbara Mansfield- Parish Field Manager
Kathy Williams- Glenbrook Park Manager
Christina Varga- Resource Development

Not Present:

Kevin Van Blarcum- Liaison to Town Board
Nolan Wilder- Rock Cut Park Manager

Guests: Rob Stanley, Steve White

- **Meeting called to order at 6:08pm**
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Prior meeting minutes approval**
 - **Motion made by-** Autumn
 - **Seconded by-** Christina
 - **All in Favor-** Y
- **Glenbrook Park:**
 - Playground Project-
 - Dollar amount that we still need funds for that will not be covered by the grant funds, ARPA funds, and the town budget line for P&R- **\$264K**
 - We can continue to ask for donations. Want to approach a specific individual for a request.
 - Waiting to hear back about CREST funds. Autumn followed up with Emma at the end of July, but no reply.

- **We will wait for a decision on this funding before we start approaching other large donors.**
- Autumn sets up a donation table with info on our playground projects at the Farmers Market on Sundays but hasn't gotten a lot of traction. She is simultaneously doing kids crafts, so if anyone else can attend the Market and help with the table and talking to people about our project that would be helpful. – **Kathy Williams will help- Asking Gisi Vella as well.**
- Setup a “business of the month” table at Ulster Savings Bank and collect donations and emails. **February. Highlight the playground!**
- Dog park shade structure-
 - Thank you to everyone who helped over the weekend! We had great weather for both days and could not have done this without Nick and his employee, Will, as well as Dylan Callahan, Scott Outwater, Steve White, Gisi and Allen Vella (and Mia), Maria Turgeon and Autumn!
 - Add stone underneath and make sure its level so the benches don't lean - Highway
- Replace basketball net. **Done!**
- Replace Neil Grant pavilion sign- **Thoughts were to put a larger sign on the front of the pavilion after repairs.**
- **We haven't had a lot of bids come in for this project. We do have two years to use the DEC funds.**
- **We are also hoping to have the non-profit/501c3 setup no later than February 2025.**

will run the check through their account- Next ALA meeting 08/27/24 so hoping to have a decision made at that time.

○ **Free Mini Golf-**

- **we would like to create a simple course in Parish field using the line maker we purchased for Smith Park soccer field.**
- **Christina Varga's husband would be willing to donate little structures for this.**
- **Leave the putters and the balls with a business, like the Phoenicia Super Market, to distribute.**
- **Lock box for donations.**
- **It was thought that Robin Kirk at the Nest Egg would have putters and balls, but Hurricane Irene washed everything away!**
- **Sam looked on Amazon for putters and balls- 10 putters and 10 balls- \$105**

● **Smith Park:**

- We should hold the next meeting at Smith Park and invite the Shandaken Shredders so we can assess the tennis court, additional parking, and easements for a path that leads from Main St Pine Hill to the park, so park users are not on the roads.
- Second soccer goal net needs to be installed and frame painted.
 - **Ask Jeff Bailey to paint the lines for soccer field.**

● **Big Indian Park:**

- Install disc golf basket- **Steve and Autumn will coordinate a day to do this. Steve has concerns about the placement due to tree limbs falling.**
- Flagpole- Eric is hoping we can rig the current pole so we can hang the new flag and install the solar light. New pole is \$3000+ and Peter reached out to DOT to see If they would help with the cost. **Steve will get the bucket truck and see if we can drill a hole at the top for the solar light.**

- **Rock Cut:**
 - **Mini golf might be a good idea here too, as it's an allowable activity for the flood plain. Leave putters and balls with Tremper Hill Farms.**
 - **Partner with Trout Unlimited for educational signage and allowable activity signage to avoid any issues with use of this location.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:53pm

Motion made by- Kathy

Seconded by- Autumn

September meeting date TBD