

Shandaken Parks & Recreation Board

Meeting Notes

July 23, 2015

Call to Order - 3:10 p.m.

<u>Present:</u>	Martie Gailes	Kathie Williams
	Carol Urban	Carole Chanler
		Aaron Bennett
		Mary Lou Stapleton

Minutes

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Carol Urban moved they be accepted. Kathie Williams seconded. The vote was unanimous

Communications, Conditions and Recommendations

- Big Indian Park - Mary Lou shared that the Pow Wow was very successful with a noticeable increase in attendance. It was pointed out that the park's lighting was tampered with and it was agreed that should not continue. Several picnic tables were moved and left in the middle of the field. Mary Lou promised to have them moved back into the pavilion.
Big Indian Park has several events planned:
 - Metal Detectors Group BBQ - August 7
 - 35th Anniversary Celebration - August 15
 - A variety of activities representative of the parks history will take place from 10-4, rain or shine. (See attached)Someone vandalized the scoring pole for the horseshoe pit. Gary Gailes is in the process of creating a new pole.
- Smith Park - Carole Chanler has been weeding the flower beds and will be planting donated bulbs. The shrubs are growing nicely. She is hoping to

have a work day with members from the Fleischmanns/Pine Hill Rotary to paint tables and equipment.

- Glenbrook Park - Kathy, with help from Dale Van Etten, will repair one of the picnic tables. Summer baseball continues very successfully.
- Parish Field - All six of the benches have received a fresh coat of paint. The mulch is starting to sprout grass, and Carol is hoping to recruit interns from the Festival of the Voice to weed. Engineers marked placement for the FOV tents. Preparation will begin in earnest on July 24 (though the field is still available for public use). The actual Festival runs from July 29 - August 2. Final clean-up will be completed by August 4.
- Recreational Holdings - No communications.
- Chairman - Martie received a call from Town Clerk, Joyce Grant, concerning problems with Simpson Mini Park. It would appear that large groups of youngsters are monopolizing the pavilion for most of the day on Thursdays, leaving litter behind and rolling some of the large rocks into the stream. It was agreed that Joyce would inquire with F&S Tubing to see if their patrons could be reminded to respect the park.
- Old Business
- Fall Picnic - Martie was unable to confirm with Tony Lanza, COO of the Emerson, the proposed date of Sunday, September 20 for our annual fundraising picnic. Tony, who is returning from double knee surgery, is expected to be in the office next week. Martie will contact him.
- New Business

Tan Bark Trail - Aaron Bennett shared that Brian Powers, who has been involved with the trail since its inception, is looking for assistance. His responsibilities have included trimming, repairing and keeping the path open. The Catskill Mountain Club has been approached. Anyone interested in volunteering would be welcome.

Mt. Tremper Fire Tower - Aaron also shared that Jonathan Mogilever, from Grand Gorge, is looking for volunteers to assist in coordinating a Google Calendar for the Tower. Volunteers receive training for the 2.75' hike. Last weekend 58 people hiked the trail.

Baseball at Glenbrook Park - Aaron thanked the board for supplying T-shirts and caps for the Summer Recreation Teams. Between Little League and Summer Recreation Teams, baseball is alive and well in our Town. Teams from Roxbury, Margaretville, Grand Gorge and Prattsville compete with the Shandaken team. Games are held every Tuesday and Thursday, with practice on Saturday. Sales from the Snack Shack underwrite the costs of umpires.

The field could benefit from additional places to sit, a cap needs to be placed on the fence, and some lights need to be replaced. The scoreboard has not been activated as they are trying to figure out how it works.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 27

3:00 p.m. Town Hall