

Shandaken Parks & Recreation Board

Meeting Notes

June 25, 2015

Call to Order - 3:10 p.m.

Present: Martie Gailes Kathie Williams
 Carol Urban John Michelotti

 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 - John reported that he had repaired the large BBQ grill. The TUFs student organization from Onteora High School visited the park on May 27. They painted two benches and stained a number of picnic tables. They would like to return in the fall for additional community service projects. All park managers were asked to think about potential projects.

Big Indian Park has several events planned:

Classic Car Show - June 28

Pow Wow - July 18-19

Metal Detectors Group BBQ - August 7

It has been suggested that a box containing horseshoes be attached to the pit backboards. The box would be locked with a combination lock to discourage vandalism and theft. Directions on the box would inform those who would like to use the horseshoes to call the Town Clerk to get the

combination to open the box. Martie will check with Joyce Grant to see if this is a viable plan.

- Smith Park - Carole Chanler was unable to attend today's meeting as she is in NYC for a follow-up appointment for cataract surgery. Martie represented Smith Park at the initial meeting of the Pine Hill 20/20 Vision Committee. Maps detailing possible locations for a walking bridge to connect the park with the hamlet were reviewed. Comments on possible park improvements were collected (see attached).
- Glenbrook Park - Kathy has recruited Dale Van Etten to assist in repairing one of the picnic tables and creating a horseshoe pit. She attended a Little League season ending event.
- Parish Field - Carol has purchased paint and is planning to freshen the benches and some equipment. The mulch is starting to sprout grass. Carol is hoping to recruit interns from the Festival of the Voice to weed. On July 17 engineers will mark 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 an e-mail from Aaron Bennett requesting the Rec. Committee cover the cost of t-shirts and caps for 12 kids (9-12 years old) and 2 coaches who will be playing in a summer recreation baseball league. They will play with Margaretville, Roxbury, Grand Gorge, Gilboa, Andes, and Fleischmanns. Home games will be played in Glen Brook Park. The total cost is \$200. The Rec. Board unanimously agreed that we should cover the cost up to \$200. Martie will contact Aaron.
- 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.

Park Managers Responsibility - Joyce Grant will be e-mailing Martie when new park reservations are made. Martie will forward this info to the appropriate park manager so they can determine, after the event, if the park has been left in good condition. If the park is not in good condition, Joyce should be notified (688-5004) as deposits will not be returned.

- New Business

Brochures - Martie will check to see if the libraries in Pine Hill and Phoenicia need additional brochures.

Additional Park Amenities -

- It has been suggested that the Gazebo on Main Street Phoenicia could use a second picnic table.
- Mary Lou suggested that Big Indian Park could use additional benches--one near the slide, one in the shade.
- Discussion at the Pine Hill Vision Meeting brought up the possibility of installing soccer nets in Smith Park. There is a natural, flat grassy area that is mowed regularly. While it is about half the size of a regulation field, one of the Pine Hill parents felt that it would still get a good amount of use. We will need to research costs and whether or not Parish Field and Glenbrook Park could accommodate soccer nets. Adam Turba, Pine Hill resident and soccer coach, could be of assistance.

Martie will get current figures for Town fund balances for Recreation. One of the Recreation Accounts, entitled "Recreation General Fund - Contractual" began the fiscal year with a \$12,500 balance. Expenses associated with the Summer Camp program will require at least \$10,000 leaving approximately \$2,500. There is also a Recreation Donation Account. The balance in that account is available through Patty, the bookkeeper.

Adjourn: The Meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Next Meeting

**3:00 p.m. Town Hall
Thursday, July 23**

Recreation
(Trails, Park, Trail Networks)

May 26, 2015

Community Comments

Add trees inside guard rail to serve as visual and sound barrier.

Slopes from Belleayre should be designed to empty into Pine Hill, lifts created to take skiers back up the mountain or perhaps a shuttle.

Make use of flat empty portions of the field for soccer (space currently available equals 1/2 soccer field).

Check out Frisbee Golf.

Create a children's garden with Nature Scape (community center could organize kids once plot is set up).

Richie Stokes offered to make the olympic size pool on his property on Elm St. open to the public.

Checkout Handicap Accessible playground in Fleischmanns.

Create definitive parking.

Bring electricity into Park.

Lending Library - Prototype to be inaugurated at July 4th Festival

- Creating structure (costs under \$100)

- Library is looking for help building 3 more structures

- Molly Slater will organize kids to decorate structures

- Molly will monitor and refill books

- Include plaque: "Because Community Counts..."

Parks and Rec. and Rotary should consider having a booth at third annual July 4th Library Festival held from 10-3 on Elm Street.