

Jenkins Park Advisory Board

September 28, 2017

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Bill Bechtel, Bethany Ference, Gary Neumann, Dennis Pokrzywka, Dan Richardson, Lynnette Ziskin.

The meeting was called to order at 7:13 p.m.

~The minutes of the August 31 meeting were unanimously approved.

~The Middle School volunteers have completed the work at Jenkins Park for community service hours.

~All in attendance tonight were in favor of hiring EarthCare to remove branches from a dying tree that are overhanging in the Ihara's yard.

~Upstate Premier Baseball fall ball schedule will run from September 8 – October 21. They have requested to extend their contract, and have signed a contract to continue throughout 2018. They have expressed interest in a multi-year contract.

~Thank you to Bethany Ference for her hard work and many hours in scraping, priming and repainting the fire truck.

~Thank you to Woody Bowler and Gary Neumann for cutting a notch out the large downed tree on the south side of Red Trail so the trail is passable.

~Thank you to the Town of Ballston for making the fill repairs in areas of the park: perimeter of the pavilion, culvert between the ponds, and an area on the edge of each pond.

~Thank you to Gary for prepping and seeding the newly top soiled area around the pavilion, and for seeding the other areas of new topsoil: the culvert area and the areas around the ponds.

~Gary provided a report on trees that need attention: the several branches overhanging the trail near the Beechwood access trail that needed assessment was actually an entire tree that needs to be removed because it is mostly dead; 3 large (tall) trees on the Blue Trail (formerly "Broadway") need to be removed, and branches on the tree overhanging in Ihara's yard need to be removed as that tree is dying.

~At the September Town Board meeting, a Resolution passed banning bow hunting at Jenkins Park:

Resolution 17-190

Bow Use Ban at Jenkins Park

WHEREAS, Jenkins Park is an established public park for the residents in the Town of Ballston, and

WHEREAS, Jenkins Park provides numerous enrichment activities for all citizens of Ballston and surrounding communities, and

WHEREAS, the safety and well-being of all citizens is a basic right and very important, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ballston Town Council wishes to help in protecting all citizens who utilize Jenkins Park; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Ballston Town Council restrict any and all use of bow hunting apparatus for hunting or fishing within the entire area of Jenkins Park.

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~Lynnette talked about the many tree stumps scattered about the park. She will seek estimates to have them removed.

~Joe Whalen provided an update on the paving project. The new updated estimate is \$31,976.40 for driveway, east parking area and basketball court. The paving project is tentatively planned for the week of October 9.

~Eagle Scout Stefan Baumgarten is currently working on the construction of benches for the basketball area. There will be 4 new benches. This project should be completed this fall. Lynnette will coordinate with Stefan to install the benches after the paving project is complete.

~Thank you to Chris Rakus for pursuing and receiving a donation of 3 dog waste stations and 3 cases of replacement bags from the Burnt Hills Veterinary Hospital.

~Thank you to the Town of Ballston for installing the dog waste stations at the Jenkins Park.

~Lynnette is pursuing the signage needed for the dog waste stations recognizing the Burnt Hills Veterinary Hospital for their generous donation.

~Kevin McCarty returned to the park to re-treat the poison ivy around the baseball field on Tuesday September 5

~The next meeting will be held on Thursday October 26, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Lynnette's house, 2 Katherine Drive at 7:00 p.m.

~The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.