

Jenkins Park Advisory Board (JPAB)
Minutes of Meeting
Wednesday, June 9, 2010

Present: Lynnette Ziskin, Chair, Bill Bechtel, Dave Cote, Ross MacKinnon, Peter Petrillose, Jeanrae Benoit, Dan Richardson, Woody Bowler, Rae Quesada; also in attendance, Barb Maher, community member.

Chair, Lynnette Ziskin, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

1. The meeting minutes for April and May, 2010, were unanimously approved.
2. The change in meeting date for July has been made on the website and reflects the date as July 14, 2010.
3. Park usage fee. Kim Ireland suggested we keep the usage fee in-line with what the Town of Ballston Community Room does currently. Lynnette has had telephone calls of inquiry. This usage fee would not apply to park district residents. Peter Petrillose indicated in 2008, Indian Meadows was charging \$45.00 for the use of their park and has much more than Jenkins Park, including running water and sanitary facilities. Peter said he would vote no to a usage fee. Dave Cote echoed Peter's sentiments. Dan Richardson questioned who would manage the fees? Are there insurance issues? Ross MacKinnon had some of the same concerns; administration thereof and the lack of facilities are potential problems. However, Ross also added that getting people to the park is what is important and by marketing thru potential events, will aide in getting people to the park. Dave suggested only charging for-profit entities, or asking for a donation instead of a usage charge. Bill Bechtel also expressed concerns including the enforcement of the policy. Community member, Barb Maher noted that people do not realize how big Jenkins Park actually is, and by bringing in groups of people, word of mouth will market the park alone. Dave suggested creating a use form for the Town website. Woody Bowler volunteered to create this form and then approach the Town with a proposal.
4. Austin Gross, our high school volunteer, has hand sketches to present to the JPAB and will do so at our July 14, 2010 meeting. Lynnette said Dan Russell, a community volunteer, has offered to assist in getting the lumber to the trail and also Peter Sawyer of the Burnt Hills Rotary is willing to assist in coordinating work parties for any project.
5. Baseball Field #3. Dan Russell has volunteered to do all the work. Lynnette bought the landscaping paper for him and he is currently in the process of moving the stone dust.
6. New estimate for front of park came in from Rod Lewis at \$26,000. Dave Cote and Rae Quesada both suggested creating some drainage in that area. It was concluded that we need to find more options. Perhaps the Town Engineer could assist with this?
7. Peter Sawyer is looking for a project. Suggestions were putting benches on the trail and replacing the wood on the benches by the playground.

8. Financial Update. Bill Bechtel reported that as May 31, 2010, JPAB has spent \$2,654.00. He also reported that our electricity bill has gone down which facilitated another conversation regarding the usage and how it doesn't make sense to anyone. We should look into this.
9. Jeanrae Benoit will research a memorial plaque to be placed in the park in memory of Mary Dickerson, companion to Dennis Pokrzywka, who has been a big help to the park. Dennis donated trees last Arbor Day. Jeanrae will order the plaque at her earliest convenience.
10. Horse Policy. Lynnette checked once again to see if the JPAB were all in agreement with the No Horses Policy. The members present agreed and also agreed that there is no need for further discussion on this topic. Let's reiterate to neighboring horse owners the following:

It was proposed that if a group of horse owners would like to organize work parties to construct separate horse trails in the park, the JPAB would be open to that discussion.

11. Lynnette reported that a new, all-inclusive sign should be placed near the front of the park. The JPAB tabled this discussion until the next meeting on July 14, 2010. The no horses sign that is down should also be placed nearer to the front of the park.

Meeting adjourned, 8:28 p.m.

The next meeting of the JPAB is scheduled for July 14, 2010 at 7:00 p.m

Jenkins Park Advisory Board Addendum to Minutes of June 9, 2010 Meeting

The JPAB held a special meeting on July 5 at Jenkins Park to vote on replacing the basketball backboards with new ones. In attendance were Lynnette Ziskin, Bill Bechtel, Dave Cote, Dan Richardson, and Woody Bowler. We discussed and unanimously voted to replace the existing backboards with acrylic backboards, however, Bob McGuire (BH-BL Athletic Director) advised differently. He recommended we replace them with steel backboards, similar to the current ones. The steel backboards will cost approximately \$365 each. Assuming we may need to purchase mounting brackets or other hardware, the JPAB is requesting \$800 approval from the Town Board in order to purchase new backboards, rims and hardware.