

Jenkins Park Advisory Board (JPAB)
Minutes of Meeting
Thursday July 23, 2009 from 7:40 to 8:55 p.m.

Present:

Lynnette Ziskin, Sat Ihara, Rae Quesada, Dave Cote, Bill Bechtel, Jeanrae Benoit (six JPAB members), Kim Ireland (Town Board member).

Chair Lynnette Ziskin opened the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Meeting Notes: This special meeting was called by Lynnette Ziskin to discuss and vote on new revisions to the JPAB bylaws and a new lawn mowing service.

1. Sat lead a discussion of alternate lawn mowing service for Jenkins Park to replace that done previously by Norm Collins, who resigned from the job because of liability issues. Lynnette obtained estimates from two other local lawn-mowing companies that have the equipment, carry liability insurance and were able to assume new business. Northeast Landscaping of Ballston Lake gave a quote of \$13,785.00 and Zappolo's of Burnt Hills \$11,000.00. These quotes are on an annualized basis assuming that it is required to mow the park 25 times per year. It is also assumed that the baseball organization using the park fields, are mowing the baseball fields and an eight-foot swath along the outside of the baseball field fences. Sat motioned to contract Zappolo's lawn service for the remainder of this year and Lynnette second the motion that passed unanimously.

2. Sat suggested a project for next year that entails planting wild flowers in the present tall grass area adjacent to baseball field 2. This area was being developed as a meadow to attract blue birds as well as other types of birds. Sat made a motion to work with Zappolo's next spring to aerate this area and at the same time plant wild flower seeds. Dave Cote seconded the motion that passed unanimously. However, Kim Ireland opposed the meadow as being unsightly and a source of ticks. She strongly suggested the tall grass should be mowed, which subsequently has been.

3. JPAB voted in May to request bylaw changes to establish alternate memberships and term limits. Town attorney Murry Brower prepared "Version 1" bylaw revisions and distributed it on July 7, the day of the Town Council meeting, with a request for comments. Upon Sat Ihara's request, the Town Council postponed the voting to the August meeting. Prior to this Town Council meeting, Sat Ihara prepared "Version 3" bylaw revisions and distributed it to the JPAB members, Kim Ireland and another Town Council member, as two members are needed to initiate the voting process. Version 3 rephrases the clause on the membership entirely to put more importance on alternate membership than Version 1, the JPAB objective in Version 3 is changed from "to advise the town" to "to assist the town" and further says that JPAB elects JPAB officers (Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary) as JPAB currently does although the original bylaw and Version 1 say the town elects the JPAB officers. Sat Ihara asked Kim Ireland's evaluation of Version 3 and her evaluation on the new wording was negative. Sat Ihara then suggested not voting on Version 3, and no one else made a motion to vote. Version 1 will be voted at the Town Council meeting on August 4.

4. For clarification those changes to the Version 1 bylaw revisions approved at the May JPAB meeting are as follows: "Seven (7) members are appointed for five (5) year terms arranged so one (1) vacancy shall occur each year. The members currently serving one year terms will be appointed to five year terms during the transition to seven members serving five year terms one in each year following the amendment of these by laws so that no more than two members terms expire at the same year. Each member shall be limited to two five-year terms. If there is no one to replace a member when a member is at the end of the persons two terms, then the member whose term is expiring can be reappointed by the Town Board for a one year term. Such one-year appointments shall be limited to a total of two years of further service. The Town Board may appoint alternate members who can attend advisory Board meetings and who can become voting members in the absence of a quorum."

4. Lynnette adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

The next JPAB meeting will be on Wednesday August 12, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.