

Jenkins Park Advisory Board (JPAB)
Minutes of Meeting on January 12, 2010

Chair Lynnette Ziskin opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Member of the Board in Attendance: Lynnette Ziskin, Rae Quesada, Dave Cote, Bill Bechtel and Dan Richardson.

Others in Attendance: Town Board members Kim Ireland and Tim Szczepaniak.

Lynnette so moved, seconded by Dave Cote to approve the lawn care and property upkeep proposal with Zappolo's Lawn Service for 2010. The five attending board members gave approval.

Lynnette so moved, seconded by Dave Cote to approve the following JPAB meeting minutes: September 9, 2010; September 14, 2010; and November 10, 2010. The five attending board members gave approval.

The Board set the Jenkins Park Annual Public Meeting for Tuesday March 16 at 7:00 PM with location of meeting to be finalized. Also, the Annual Spring Cleanup Work Party will be held on Saturday April 17 at 9:00 AM, with Sunday April 18 as the rain date.

Lynnette so moved, seconded by Bill Bechtel to not allow horse riding in the park due to the lack of hardened trails specifically built for use by horses. The five attending board members approved the motion.

Lynnette is going to inquire to County Waste if they would be willing to place two containers in the park and empty them on a bi-monthly basis during the spring, summer and fall. It was also suggested that the portable toilet be placed in the park before for the Cleanup Work Party on April 17.

JPAB would like to seek approval from the Town Board to appoint Ross MacKinnon to the JPAB as an alternate.

JPAB agrees that communication via frequent mailings to Park District homes is important and necessary. JPAB will also utilize the Town Newsletter and Website for this purpose.

Lynnette updated the current and some future park projects as on November.

- In Spring JPAB want to remove 3 slanting trees, several stumps and add topsoil to the playground area. Funds are available to do this work.
- Wood chips have been spread behind ball field 3 for weed control.
- Bill Bechtel researched methods to control weeds in the ponds. Grass carp and barley straw will be used this spring. Herbicides may be applied later depending on the initial success. A new DEC grass carp permit must be submitted.
- Due to lack of volunteers to maintain the Maze Garden, it has been removed.
- Several signs have been made and installed in the park: "No Vehicles after Dark", "No unauthorized motor vehicles", and "No horses on trails". We had received two requests for horse riding in the park, but there are no appropriate trails for this activity at this time.
- High School student volunteers will help with trail cutting on the west side of Field 3 this spring.
- A new basketball court fence has been installed. Future repairs are necessary to the hoops and backboards that also need to be painted and nets installed.
- Future Boy Scout projects are bike racks and a bridge over the stream on the west side trail.
- New car stop gates have been installed at key locations in the park.

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Projects review continued:

- High School volunteers painted 3 animal rockers in the playground area this past summer.
- Welding repairs must be made to the fire truck climber in addition to being repainted.
- A discussion ensued on how to shorten the chains on the swings as they are usually wrapped once around the top horizontal pipe. Rae Quesada will look at how to do this.
- Lynnette made a request to the baseball group to remove some of the back sections of field 2 baseball fence in order to make the sledding hill safer and to possibly increase the size in the future. JPAB would also like the baseball group to paint/repair field 2 backstop in the spring.

Lynnette adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

The next JPAB meeting will be on Tuesday February 9, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.