

Jenkins Park Advisory Board (JPAB) Minutes of Meeting on March 9, 2010

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

Member of the Board in Attendance: Lynnette Ziskin, Dave Cote, Bill Bechtel and Ross McKinnon.

Others in Attendance: Town Board member Tim Szczepaniak.

1. Since a voting quorum was not in attendance a vote for approval of January 12 and February 9, 2010 meeting minutes could not be made.
2. A short discussion ensued about what is the best evening to have JPAB meetings. Lynnette is going to poll the JPAB members.
3. Spring Events at the Park:
 - Annual Public Meeting – Next Tuesday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m., Town Hall.
 - Walk Park Boundary with Dennis Pokrzywka – Saturday March 20, 8:30 a.m.
 - Trail & Brush Cutting Work Party – Saturday March 27, 9:00 – noon.
 - Annual Rake & Cleanup Work Party – Saturday April 17: rain date, Sunday April 18, 9:00 – noon.
4. Joe Whalen ordered and received 2 signs: “Warning, No Dumping, Violators Will Be Prosecuted” for Jenkins Park. They must be installed.
5. Handicapped accessible portable toilet to be at park from April 16 to October 29 at a cost \$217 per every 28 days.
6. Projects for 2010:
 - Basketball area: Repairs necessary: fix hoops, install new nets and paint backboards.
 - Future Boy Scout projects: bike rack and west trail bridge.
 - Repairs must be made to the fire truck climber.
 - Remove 3 slanting trees, 6+ stumps, and add topsoil in playground area of park.
 - Remove (at least 2) old dangerous telephone poles.
 - Grass carp will be used as an initial method of cleaning the weeds from the ponds and barley straw will be used as a deterrent for algae.
 - The baseball group will paint and repair the backstop on field # 2 in the spring and remove some of the center field sections of field # 2 fence.
 - Distribute stone dust for the West Trail.

JPAB needs to estimate the funding prioritize the 2010 project listed above.

7. A short discussion ensued relative to a request for a dog run area in the park. This area has to be separate from that used by the public for baseball and other activities and must have a surrounding fence. Presently the park does not have the funds to build a fence.
8. A suggestion was made that the JPAB form a subcommittee to look into a new park pavilion as the old one is deteriorating. Presently the board is putting away money for this venture. The subcommittee should investigate the size and type of pavilion that would be a best fit for our neighborhood park and come up with a cost estimate. Certainly the cost will have a large influence on the size. Dave Cote said he would contact a person who is familiar with the pavilions installed at Shenantaha Creek Park in Malta.
9. Lynnette is still working with National Grid to turn off the light at the entrance of the park to save money.

The next JPAB meeting will be on Tuesday April 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Jenkins Park Advisory Board Members:

Lynnette Ziskin
Bill Bechtel
Rae Quesada
Dave Cote
Dan Richardson
Jeanrae Benoit
Peter Petrillose

Alternates:

Woody Bowler
Ross McKinnon