

Jenkins Park Advisory Board (JPAB)
Minutes of Meeting
March 11, Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Present:

Lynnette Ziskin, Sat Ihara, Rae Quesada, Arlene Ida, Peter Petrillose (five JPAB members)
Tim Szczepaniak (Town Board member), Patti Southworth (Town Supervisor)
Patrick Southworth, Jim Ireland, Dave Cote, Dennis Pokrzywka, Frank Slingerland

Call to order: by Lynnette Ziskin (JPAB chair)

Meeting Notes:

1. JPAB unanimously approved the minutes of February 11, 2009 JPAB meeting.
2. JPAB discussed the brush and tree cutting party scheduled on Saturday, March 14.
 - We will cut young pines and sumac trees to create an empty space on the west side of Baseball Field 3 so that large black maple trees, poplars, and other hardwood trees on the west side of the space become visible from the baseball field.
 - We will also cut the West Nature Trail from Baseball Field 3 up to a small stream in the park. It is the halfway point of the new trail we are trying to build.
 - Some 40 trail cutting friends will participate in the party, including the members of baseball teams and Boy Scout Troop 54.
 - Boy Scout Troup 54 offered to build a wooden bridge across the stream this year. According to NYS DEC and US Army Corps of Engineers, no approvals are required for the trail or the wooden bridge.
 - We will post the work party announcements at the Town Hall in addition to the Town website.
3. Lynnette Ziskin and Sat Ihara reported that Boy Scout Troop 54 offered to build bat houses, pavilion benches, a bicycle rack, and a dog park. They are the projects Lynnette Ziskin and Sat Ihara presented as their candidate projects at the Boy Scout meeting held at the Town Hall on February 23. Later we decided to drop the dog park project because we had received no requests from the community.
4. JPAB decided to send mails to the Jenkins Park community (homes within the park district and homes outside the park district but near the park) in order to increase the community involvement in the park improvement projects.
5. Following the suggestion made by Patti Southworth, JPAB decided to seek a FEMA aid for removal of trees damaged by the ice storm in early December of 2008.
6. Tim Szczepaniak offered 20 arborvitae trees for our maze garden. They will be funded by an Arbor Day grant the Town has received. Northeast Landscaping will help us plant.
7. JPAB and Tim Szczepaniak tentatively agreed to hold a celebration of Arbor Day at the park on Saturday, May 16, the day for our maze garden planting party. Tim Szczepaniak will make press releases for the event.
8. Dennis Pokrzywka offered to help us select and plant more trees and shrubs in the park. Sat Ihara will work with Dennis.

The next JPAB meeting will be on Wednesday, April 15, 2009.