

Jenkins Park Advisory Board (JPAB) Minutes of Meeting on April 14, 2010

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

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

Others in Attendance: Kim Heikaus, Rachel Houghton and Town Board members Tim Szczepaniak and Kim Ireland.

1. Since a voting quorum was in attendance a unanimous vote for approval of January 12, February 9 and March 9, 2010 meeting minutes was made. They will be posted on the Town web site.
2. Lynnette is still working with National Grid to turn off the light at the entrance of the park to save money. National Grid turned off the wrong light – the one in the park and not the one along the road. Kim Ireland volunteered to help Lynnette get the correct light turned off. We will then monitor the meter readings when it is turned off to ensure we are no longer paying for the light along Jenkins Road.
3. Lynnette polled members present at the meeting to ask what would be best night for meetings. Most likely the board will again meet on the second Wednesday of the month.
4. On March 20 the following persons walked the park boundary with Dennis Pokrzywka: Lynnette Ziskin, Dave Cote, Kim & Rob Heikaus and Bill Bechtel.
5. On March 27 the following persons participated in the Trail Cutting Work Party: Bill Bechtel, Dave Cote, Pat & Barb Maher, Ross McKinnon, Kim & Rob Heikaus, Ben, Lynnette, Erica & Natalie Ziskin, Ron Edwards, Dan Richardson, Austin Gross and Rene Engelhardt. Approximately one-third of the new west trail was cleared and much of sumac was cut and cleared from outside the fence of baseball field No. 3.
6. Since the weather forecast for this coming weekend of the scheduled Annual Rake & Cleanup Work Party is for heavy rain, it was decided that the rain date is to be Saturday May 1 instead of Sunday April 18.
7. Joe Whalen ordered and received 2 signs: "Warning, No Dumping, Violators Will Be Prosecuted" for Jenkins Park. The signs must be installed.
8. Jim Janson, Burnt Hills High School JV basketball coached volunteered to assist the board in repairing the basketball hoops at the park.
9. Members of the JPAB once again discussed and voted against horses using the hiking trails in Jenkins Park. It was agreed that the surfaces of the trails are not conducive to the weight of horses, the terrain of the park is not suitable (too wet), and the size of Jenkins Park is not adequate to accommodate horses. It was proposed that if a group of horse owners would like to organize work parties to construct separate trails in the park for horses, the JPAB would be open to that discussion.
10. Some old metal fencing and other debris are to be removed by the Town from the southwest corner of the park.
11. Barley straw in mesh bags was placed in the ponds to deter algae from growing.
12. Eighteen persons attended the Annual Jenkins Park meeting on March 16. Notes from the meeting follow:
 - Suggestion to have benches along trails.
 - Request to allow horses on trails.
 - Complaint of too many signs in park.
13. Projects for 2010:
 - Basketball area: Repairs necessary: fix hoops, install new nets and paint backboards.
 - Future Boy Scout projects: bike racks and benches.
 - 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.

The next JPAB meeting will be on Monday May 10, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.