

Jenkins Park Advisory Board (JPAB)
Minutes of Meeting
Wednesday June 10, 2009 from 7:05 to 8:45 p.m.

Present:

Lynnette Ziskin, Sat Ihara, Rae Quesada, Dave Cote, Bill Bechtel, Arlene Ida (six JPAB members), Kim Ireland (Town Board member) & Dan Richardson.

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

Meeting Notes:

1. Sat Ihara reviewed the status of the Jenkins Park list of projects approved by the Advisory Board. The list contains 32 projects with 6 completed; 3 on hold, but many started and partially completed. Five projects are being led by the Boy Scouts. The Rotary in the near future will install two new seesaws that have already been purchased. Bill Bechtel was asked to reconcile current project costs into the 2009 budget. One major project was the Arbor Day Maze garden and tree planting party on May 16. Over 20 people participated in the Arbor Day work party.
2. A discussion ensued on the condition of the second pond in the park. Arlene did some research on pond plants and noted that there are two kinds of grasses and two kinds of algae in the pond. Grass carp would be useful in eliminating some of the plant growth. Arlene was asked to enquire about how to rid the pond of algae. It is not know why the front pond is clear and the back pond is filled with plants.
3. Another discussion ensued on what fish should be stocked in the ponds. Dave researched this subject and said that 15 to 20 Grass carp can sustain themselves per acre of pond. A DEC permit is required to stock this carp specie. Dave was also asked to research the appropriate number of crayfish to stock. There is Blue Heron that dines at the ponds and apparently they like crayfish. Dave was also going to inquire the DEC about other fish to stock. Arlene was asked to fill out the DEC permit for Grass carp and find a source to purchase these fish. In the past the park ponds have been informally stocked with fish from other ponds in the area.
4. Rae gave a review of the lighting at the park. The light at the park entrance is not required and should not be paid through the park budget. Lighting is not needed at the ponds or the baseball fields. Only the pavilion pole lamp should be retained. The two poles just west of the pavilion are to be cut down. Rae will cut the wires to these poles.
5. The JPAB was reminded that the 2010 park budget requires completion by September 1 or earlier.
6. A brief discussion ensued on the prospect of starting next year to charge groups a user fee for reserving the pavilion.
7. Unanimous approval on a motion by Lynnette Ziskin was given to approve the May 13 meeting minutes with the addition of two items: a project resolution was passed to erect a gate for the West End Trail and per the JPAB by-laws, four affirmative votes are required to pass a resolution.
8. Lynette adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

The next JPAB meeting will be on Wednesday July 8, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.