

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

Present: Lynnette Ziskin, Sat Ihara, Arlene Ida, Rae Quesada

JPAB Decisions:

1. JPAB unanimously approved the minutes of January 14, 2009 JPAB meeting.
2. JPAB unanimously approved the minutes of February 4, 2009 public hearing.
3. JPAB unanimously approved an announcement on park improvements to the park district residents by mail as well as to the town residents with an article of the Town of Ballston newsletter. Park improvements to be announced will be based on the responses of the public at the hearing on February 4, 2009. They include the revival of Field 3 for baseball that is contingent upon a new parking lot near the park entrance.
4. JPAB approved a new parking lot, while A. Ida worried about a possible damage to the visual appearance of the entrance area and opposed.
5. JPAB unanimously approved a new project of pine tree control on the west side of Field 3. The objective is to reduce competition and assist growth of established hardwood trees such as hickory and beech and to make them visible from Field 3.
6. JPAB unanimously approved a new mowing policy: i.e., (1) baseball teams mow all three fields, (2) baseball teams remove vegetation along fences, and (3) we leave areas between baseball fields uncut except for walking paths. We let grass grow tall for insects, butterflies, and birds.
7. JPAB unanimously approved a \$5 raise for Norm Collins and Eileen from \$15 to \$20 per hour.
8. JPAB unanimously approved a “proposer–driver” policy; i.e., a person who proposes a project shall be the main driver of the project with project management responsibility and authority as Lynnette Ziskin was for the playground project. The project management includes approval request, cost estimate, cost management, status report, vendor selection and negotiation, and volunteer coordination.
9. Next JPAB meeting shall be on Wednesday March 11, 2009 at 7 p.m.

Reports, Reviews and Discussions:

10. JPAB discussed various ways to improve the appearance of the entrance area, including planting evergreen trees to hide the chain link fence and yellow plastic cover of Field 1, but nobody proposed as an improvement project.
11. JPAB discussed how bluebird houses should have been installed, but nobody proposed to correct the installation as an improvement project.
12. S. Ihara reported the evaluation of the responses to the questionnaire at the public hearing on February 4, 2009.
13. S. Ihara reported various requests made to baseball teams. The requests are consistent with the “users pay and work for the park” policy.
14. R. Quesada will replace the existing lights in the park with updated low-energy lighting.
15. R. Quesada will help coordinate baseball volunteers for the March 14 work party.
16. S. Ihara gave a 2008 financial summary and a 2009 budget overview.
17. L. Ziskin reported that National Grid would correct billings and eliminate overcharging.
18. L. Ziskin and S. Ihara will meet Boy Scout Troop 54 on February 23 to find the park improvement projects Troop 54 could take over.