

Jenkins Park Advisory Board

November 10, 2009

Meeting Minutes

Lynnette called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Attendance: Tim Szczepaniak, Lynnette Ziskin, Bill Bechtel, Rae Quesada, Peter Petrillose, Dave Cote, Kim Heikaus, Woody Bowler.

Due to the absence of our secretary, we did not vote for approval of minutes of 9/9/2009 and 9/14/2009. We will vote for approval of the minutes at the December meeting.

Lynnette thanked Dave Cote for representing Jenkins Park at the recent Town of Ballston Community Day. Dave created an informational poster about the park which attracted 2 new volunteers.

Lynnette gave a synopsis of the current and some future park projects:

- We want to remove 3 slanting trees, 6+ stumps, and add topsoil in playground area of park. The funds are available to do the work.
- We are searching for a volunteer with a tractor to spread piles of wood chips behind field 3 for weed control.
- Bill Bechtel provided the much needed information as to our options and methods of cleaning the ponds.
- Bill Bechtel is authorized to sign the monthly vouchers for Jenkins Park bills.
- Due to lack of volunteers, the maze garden will be removed.
- We have received the signs and poles for park: "No vehicles after dark", "No unauthorized motor vehicles", "No horses on trails". We must decide who will install the signs for us.
- High school student volunteers will help with trail cutting on the west side of baseball field #3.
- We have received 2 requests for horse trails.
- Basketball area: The new basketball fence was installed. Future repairs necessary: fix hoops, install new nets and paint backboards.
- Future Boy Scout projects: bike rack and west trail bridge.
- New car-stop gates – many have been placed in the park.
- Repairs must be made to the fire truck climber.
- The 3 animal rockers were painted by high school volunteers.
- Recent reports of vandalism – 2 Sheriff reports – one for stolen fence rails and one for a recliner placed on top of climber. Due to neighbors' complaints, the NYS troopers have been present in the park the past couple of weeks.
- Dan Zappolo submitted a proposal for 2010 lawn care for the park.
- We must file another request for a fish stocking permit for March so we can stock the ponds with grass carp.
- We must schedule 2 dates: one for our annual spring raking/cleaning party and one for the annual meeting.
- Lynnette made a request to remove some of the back sections of the field # 2 baseball fence and increase the sledding hill.
- We would like the baseball group to paint/repair backstop on field # 2 in the spring.
- We agree that communication via frequent mailings to homes in the park district is important and necessary. We will also utilize the Town Newsletter for this.
- The 2010 budget includes an additional \$5,000 towards a new pavilion.
- We would like to appoint Woody Bowler to the JPAB as an Alternate.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.