

# TOWN OF NEW PALTZ



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Recreation Committee Meeting, April 26, 2022

Meeting commenced, 6:30 pm at the Community Center.

Present, Recreation Director Chuck Bordino, Committee Members Jeff Salt, Amy Harrington, Toni Hokanson. Absent, Bonne Maseo.

Director Bordino updated the group on recent happenings at the parks and Community Center. Town Supervisor Neil Bettez, Highway Superintendent Chris Marks and Recreation Director Bordino met at Field of Dreams Park in March to discuss safety concerns as related to parking in and around the Pavilion. It was determined that the immediate parking area next to the Pavilion be off limits to parking and that only designated parking lots be used for park activities. Handicapped individuals will access the pavilion by a designated area next to the maintenance building with usage of the existing blacktop walkway for wheelchairs. Highway Marks agreed to blacktop a break in the blacktop walkway to connect the handicapped parking area to the walkway leading up to the pavilion. It was further decided to block off the existing road up to the pavilion, Marks will chain off Area and re do handicapped signage as well repair the upper blacktop for picnic tables and possible basketball (Small Court Area) Director Bordino reported damage to both Field I & II softball infields as well as the new soccer fields. Heavy vehicle riding on the stated areas dug up infield clay and grass and left deep divots in the ground. Supervisor Bettez suggested installing surveillance cameras and will follow up with the police department regarding the matter. The police were notified of the incident, they visited the site and filed a report. Men's Softball will field seven teams this season, they will begin their season on May 9 and use fields I & II on Tuesday-Thursdays and Field II on Monday and Fridays. The women will not play as a league but will continue to use Field I on Monday evenings for pickup games. Director Bordino will request the women be insured by the town to assist with redeveloping the league and reducing costs. Field II will be used by Youth Soccer on Saturday mornings

for games and use off all the soccer fields on Saturdays for games and Monday-Friday for practices will be followed. New Paltz Youth Softball will use Field III, Monday-Saturday and Field I on Friday evenings.

Committee discussion ensued regarding fund raising and a potential Basketball/Pickleball Court complex at Field of Dreams Park. Director Bordino discussed his contact and communication with New Paltz Community Foundation and the willingness of this organization to secure funds for recreation projects. The committee agreed that the path of fund raising is a viable means to address Town Recreation, Project Funding.

Committee Member Hokanson inquired about a rough estimate for the Basketball/ Pickleball Complex, members Salt and Harrington also raised questions about location at the park and What specific material would be needed. Director Bordino cited limited fencing and blacktop paving as the main material cost. He further communicated that he would discuss the blacktop costs with the Highway Department and acquire fencing costs. Bordino also requested that each committee member formulate suggestions for the next meeting, related to the project. He further urged the committee to address the specifics of fundraising and discuss said at the next meeting in May.

Bordino updated all on the Clearwater Park Ball Field upgrades entailing work on ball fields three and four. The funds for this work were to be pursued by Supervisor Bettez and include up to \$10,000 in infield clay. The project has been initiated by the Highway Department who will provide equipment and labor.

The committee requested an update on the water treatment system and drinking fountain as well as bathrooms and septic status at Field of Dreams Park.

Bordino stated that all the components for the water treatment system and drinking fountain have been purchased and that the Highway Department will pursue installation sometime in the summer or fall of this year. The bathroom project will most likely not be under taken until 2023, the Highway Department will assume most of the labor aspects of this job.

The septic system and related perking of the leach field are now approved by the county.

Bordino reported that most of the Community Center programs have returned, including those that were utilizing the pavilion at Field of Dreams. Weekend bookings for parties and events have slowly increased but have not returned to pre-covid numbers.

New Paltz/Gardiner Senior Organization is considering moving their meetings and activities to the Community Center.

Meeting ended 7:40pm

Submitted by Chuck Bordino