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Recreation Committee Meeting, May 17, 2022

Meeting Commenced 6:30pm at the Field of Dreams Pavilion.

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

Director Bordino updated the group on Pavilion Parking, Women's Softball, Basketball/Pickle Ball Court Complex and Water Treatment System at Field of Dreams Park. He further discussed the work on the ballfields at Clearwater Park and potential of the New Paltz/ Gardiner Seniors moving their meeting to the Community Center.

The highway Department has completed the work of blocking traffic from entering the pavilion area at Field of Dreams Park. Handicapped access will be from the designated handicapped parking area and follow the footpath up to the pavilion. This area is black topped and wheelchair accessible except for a small area which will be paved by the Highway Dept. in the near future.

The group discussed the Basketball/Pickleball Court Project at Field of Dreams and agreed on at least three pickleball courts and three basketball hoops. Bordino presented a rough draft of the complex which will entail a 56'x112' area with limited fencing. Committee Member Hokanson asked about initial quotes pertaining to Black Topping and Bordino presented a rough quote of fifteen thousand dollars as communicated by the Town Highway Department which will do the labor and purchase the needed material. There would be no cost for the labor aspect of the work. Bordino further communicated that he is meeting with Adams Fencing to get an initial quote for fencing. Rough estimates for all material, including black top, fencing, basketball hoops and pickleball nets and posts, is thirty thousand dollars. Bordino further emphasized that the final estimate costs could be dramatically higher due to the volatile, material market.

Committee Members Harrington and Salt asked about the location and how the complex would fit in to the present park infrastructure. Bordino invited all to walk over to the area adjacent to the Volleyball Courts and look at a tentative site selection. All perused the aforementioned area and agreed that the project would work best on this plot of land. Measurements were taken and further discussion ensued regarding sun glare and the orientation of the courts in relation to said. The group agreed to pick up the discussion at the June meeting at the park.

The Highway Department is tentatively to begin work on the filtration system and drinking fountain at the park, sometime this month. There will be some outside labor costs and the project has been approved by the Board to use parkland funds to cover costs.

The drinking fountain will include a water bottle filler and be wheelchair accessible.

Volunteer work by Hank Behr will be conducted on repairing the concrete flooring at the Field of Dreams Pavilion, in a short time. Mr. Behr is hoping to begin the work this month. All in the group expressed their gratitude for this generous offer.

Committee Members inquired about continued programming at the pavilion, Bordino explained that presently, town sponsored folk dance and Tai Chi utilize the pavilion on occasion. He also relayed that the Pioneers of Jazz will be performing at the pavilion on June 27th and Swing Dance will be returning to the pavilion the evening of June 4th.

Further updates by Director Bordino included the Town approving insurance coverage for Women's Softball, The New Paltz Gardiner Seniors voting in the coming weeks on moving their meeting to the Community Center and progress on the ballfields' work at Clearwater Park. Highway Department work on field four at Clearwater Park, is nearly complete. Field three will be next in line for infield refurbishing. Funds for this project are out of parkland funds.

The group will next meet on June 21 at Field Dreams Park, 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned 7:40pm

Submitted by

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