

**Town of Ballston  
Parks and Recreation Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, January 15, 2014  
7:30pm**

**Roll Call: D. Russell, L. Ziskin, M. Lonergan, B. Rafferty, M. Frantz  
Guests: J. Whalen, P. Ziegler, K. Stewart**

**Call to Order: 7:37pm**

**Approval of Meeting Minutes: no corrections or additions/changes requested**

**Old Business:**

- 1. Development of Bike Trails within Town of Ballston**
  - a. Development of trail along Outlet Road to connect to Zim Smith Trail in Malta (appx. 1.5miles)**
    - 1. Option was investigated b/c Town Highway Dept. is undertaking reconstruction work at that location and for planning, cost and work purposes it would be better to couple the projects.**
    - 2. Town of Ballston Highway & Water Superintendent in attendance to discuss option and address associated costs.**
    - 3. Costs of construction and maintenance of bike trail extension as outlined by J. Whalen to reach \$260,000.00+**
      - a. Concerns included Safety of bicyclists, having to cross DEC wetlands, involving the Army Corp of Engineers, Property Owners, Drainage, Flooding, Traffic Study as referenced by P. Windels**
    - 4. Brief committee discussion resulted in tabling the proposed bike extension at that location at this time.**
    - 5. Suggestion and discussion of options brought forth the suggestion to revisit the extension of current Town of Ballston Bike Path through National Grid property.**
      - a. Town employees to reach out to National Grid.**
- 2. Update of Anchor Diamond**
  - a. Judge Kaufman has reviewed the trustees documents and will not move on the purchase of proposed (Lang) property and has upheld their opposition.**
  - b. P. Ziegler has notified Jan Lang that the trustees for the Schidzick Estate will not purchase his 100 acres**
  - c. Schidzick estate trustees stated they would move forward immediately to purchase the Hawkwood property. Judge recommended that if the Town of Ballston is to use the Schidzick Estate monies for a park that it be used to purchase this property and to move forward immediately (pass a resolution by March 11, 2014).**
  - d. The Ballston Town Council has made a resolution to move forward with the purchase of the Hawkwood parcel**
- 3. Parks Master Plan**
  - a. Where do we go from here? Reference to the fantastic work that Malta has done for their Town through Parks and Recreation spurred interest in speaking with Audrey Ball, Dir. of Parks & Rec for Malta.**
  - b. Inclusion of County Planning expertise suggested as we plan for connectivity**

- c. Committee needs to include all stakeholders in discussions and offer a variety of opportunities for public to express their opinions and contribute to a needs assessment.**
- 1. Cross reference LCC, Farmland Protection Committee work/surveys**
  - 2. Voting locations are a great place to speak with people to get their feedback.**

**New Business:**

- 1. Schulz has donated 5 acres to the Town of Ballston**
  - a. Acceptance is contingent upon Town Attorney's work**
  - b. Ziegler suggests committee walk the parcel**

**Action Items:**

- **Lonergan to develop survey questions utilizing web resources, past Town of Ballston Surveys, etc.**
- **Ziegler to investigate platforms to utilize for distribution / implementation of the surveys**
- **Whalen to make contact with National Grid to rekindle discussions that Mary Beth Hynes had originally started re: project**
- **Ziegler when meeting with Jason Kemper of Saratoga County will**
- **Frantz to speak with Audrey Ball of Town of Malta Parks and Recreation department for advise moving forward**

**Adjourned: 9:15pm**

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, February, 19, 2014, 7:30pm, Ballston Town Hall**