

Town of Ballston Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting

**February 15, 2023 – 6:30pm**

**Attendance:** Rob Fendrick, Kelly Jasinski (Town board liaisons), Sally Draina, Lynnette Ziskin, Sarah Statham, Matthew Kniskern, Amy Jones

**Jenkins Park dog park:**

Rob Fendrick presented 3 estimates to remove backstop and fencing on 2 sides of former ball field and replace with new fencing and a “corral” with multiple gates for safe entry in/out of dog park, and a fence bisecting park to separate smaller dogs. The committee voted unanimously to recommend Phoenix Fence and Deck Co. (5-0) to the board at their next meeting.

The committee will be submitting an estimate and recommendation for signage (rules, info) to the board after our next meeting, and discussed the next phases of the project (security, administration etc.) and plan to present our recommendations to the board in the upcoming months.

**Comptrollers financial review for 2023:**

Sally Draina met with Rob Fendrick and Dave Urkevich (Comptroller) to discuss the P & R finances. She reported the following:

<b>Anchor Diamond Park</b>	225,000 - deposits 300,000 (used-not reimbursed 75,000)
<b>Parkland improvement</b>	125,000

**Spring cleanup of parks:**

**ADP** - has various volunteer groups for cleanup.

**Ballston Lake Fire Department Memorial Park** - Waiting for Trinity to remove their equipment from parking area and restore to original condition. The park will not be open to the public this year, so no additional clean up needed at this time.

**Jenkins Park** - The committee discussed whether we should contract the cleanup of Jenkins or gather volunteers. We will get an estimate and make the decision based on that. There is a diseased tree that needs to be removed for safety reasons. Sally is checking to see if Jenkins is included in the yearly mowing contract or if we need to make other arrangements.

**Ballston Lake Pier and canoe/kayak launch** -The new pier will be installed in early May and will have an easy launch for kayaks and canoes. The committee discussed options for users to easily pull off of Outlet Rd to unload their boats before parking a short distance away in the town parking lot. Matt is contacting DEC to ask if we can improve the pull off at the end of the new pier. If that is not an option we discussed the possibility of making a pull off on the opposite side of the road with an easy access to the lot.

### **Open Discussion**

Sarah asked for a volunteer(s) to assist MaryAlice in researching and getting estimates for HWA treatment at ADP as her work schedule makes it difficult to make calls, etc. during business hours. She has passed along the contacts and information to the group.

A group will be playing baseball at Jenkins Park using back field Lynnette to reach out and finalize the plan. They will maintain the field.

Submitted by:

Committee member Amy Jones