

Town of Ballston Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting

May 17, 2023 – 6:30pm

Attendance: Sally Draina, Mary Alice Nyhan, Lynette Ziskin, Amy Jones, Matt Kniskern, Steve Hopsicker, Patrick Whitton, William Gorman, Rob Fendrick (Town Board liaison)

Fishing Pier

The pier work is almost complete. We would like to have a grand opening ceremony sometime in mid to late June.

We discussed options for a safe pull off on Outlet Rd. for people to unload their canoes, kayaks, SUPs etc. Matt is proceeding with DEC contact. Some committee members will be meeting with Joe Whalen at the site to discuss ideas and options.

Jenkins Park

Rob presented the drafts for the dog park signage and will proceed with having them made.

Sally and William took a course in playground equipment safety. They have identified issues with both Jenkins and Reita Park playgrounds. We will be working to address these issues in order of urgency and as finances allow.

Lynette reported a large vandalism spree throughout the park. The police are involved and are aware of the perpetrators. They are supposed to be cleaning up and repairing damage. We will recommend that they be billed for any damage that they do not satisfactorily repair.

The committee discussed the Jenkins Park district and the need to either expand or dissolve it.

Reita Park

The swings and slide need to be replaced, and a new surface is needed under the swings and possibly the whole playground area.

We received an email from a town resident regarding the needed equipment replacement, and the need for a new basketball net and court lines. William has since replaced the net and painted the lines.

Anchor Diamond Park

The HWA treatment was approved by the Town Board earlier this month. William will be the Town's point of contact. The contractor will be responsible for obtaining the necessary permits, treating, and tagging. We hope to have this accomplished before winter.

Saratoga PLAN and the Rotary have been very busy applying stone dust to the trails in ADP. They are requesting another delivery. They also need volunteers to help spread it on July 8th at 9:00 am. They will also be installing more Geo cells where needed. They are extremely happy with the way they are performing.

Some committee members plan to meet on June 4th at 11:00 am to finish hanging signs at the border of ADP/Town of Ballston properties.

The trail marking arrows need to be repainted. Mary Alice has paint.

Submitted by
Committee Member Amy Jones