

Town of Ballston Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2023 – 6:30pm

Attendance: Sally Draina, Mary Alice Nyhan, Lynette Ziskin, Amy Jones, Steve Hopsicker, Sarah Statham, Patrick Whitton, William Gorman, Bill Betchel, Rob Fendrick (Town Board liaison) Eric Connolly (Town Supervisor)

Ballston Lake Fire Department Memorial Park – The pavilion is open for rental. We will ask Eric to post on the town Facebook page.

Jenkins Park – Rob reported that the forms and signage for the dog park are ready and he will be meeting with the fence company at the end of June to begin work.

There will be story time at Jenkins on Thursdays at 10:00am throughout the summer.

Fishing Pier/Outlet Rd. – Matt, Sally and Rob will walk through the property with DEC to discuss options for a possible pull off area and parking lot expansion.

Sarah suggested installing a bike rack.

Reita Park – The committee discussed options for edging around the playground to contain sand or whatever material we put down per safety and insurance regulation.

Anchor Diamond Park – There will be a volunteer workday on July 8 @ 9:00am. As well as trail cleanup etc., they will be installing more geocells. Volunteers are asked to bring loppers, gloves, boots, rakes, shovels. Someone from the committee needs to be there at 9 to distribute waiver of liability forms.

There are several dead trees near trails that need to be taken down. William will speak to Joe and decide which trees to take down and whether they will need to hire a tree service or do it themselves.

Some of us will meet to hang signage to delineate the boundary between ADP and the Town of Ballston property on August 29 @ 4:30pm

Miscellaneous – Sally suggested that we choose a specific style of picnic table to use going forward so that they will be consistent throughout all the parks.

Updates from Supervisor – Eric shared input on the recent plans for a pocket park at the old Magnum gas station from donation to town.

Supervisor advised there will be no additional work done on the Veterans Memorial Bike Trail until the installation of the power line is completed. We suggest that the rough patches be marked by bright spray paint in the meantime to alert people.

Submitted by Committee member,

Amy Jones