

Jenkins Park Advisory Board

July 14, 2020

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Bill Bechtel, Bethany Ference, Gary Neumann, Chris Rakus, Dan Richardson, Lynnette Ziskin.

~The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. at Jenkins Park.

~The October 23 and November 14 meeting minutes were both unanimously approved.

~Wade's Trees will remove 2 ½ large trees in the front of the park on August 3.

~The major project this year for Jenkins Park is to improve the drainage in the front area of the park at the playground and between the playground and Jenkins Road. There are about a dozen areas that have been identified as "low lying" and hold water for lengthy periods of time after a heavy or steady rain. Lynnette sought 3 bids, details of which were sent out in a separate email. After a lengthy discussion, Gary motioned and Chris seconded, and all in attendance were unanimous in hiring DKB & Son to perform the work project with the Town Highway Dept. providing and hauling the materials (topsoil, crushed stone, etc.) for the project. Additionally, CTMale will provide engineering expertise for this project at a cost not to exceed \$500.

~The Town of Ballston is interested in managing all park(s) and recreation areas in the Town of Ballston, which could include expanding the Jenkins Park District to include the entire Town of Ballston, not just the homes surrounding Jenkins Park with the current illogical boundary. The Town Board is discussing and would need to institute a Parks Maintenance Department which would manage the following: the fishing pier, bike path, Reita Park, Firemen's Grove, Anchor Diamond Park, and potentially Jenkins Park. After a long discussion, the majority of the JPAB (1 member opposed) was supportive and in favor of expanding the Park District to encompass the Town of Ballston.

~Bill Bechtel provided us with a financial report, and it was determined that Jenkins Park could supplement the drainage project with funds that were carried over from 2019, and still have some additional funds remaining in our carry-over fund.

~The next monthly meeting will be held on August 26, 2020 at Jenkins Park.

~The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.