

TOWN OF CANANDAIGUA
PARKS AND RECREATION/TRAILS
MARCH 28, 2018
CANANDAIGUA TOWN HALL

Members Present: Chairperson Mark MacNeil, Karen Parkhurst, Dennis Brewer, Adeline Rudolph, Dave Sauter, Kevin Reynolds

1. Director of Parks and Recreation Dennis Brewer gave his report on summer hiring needs.
 - Discussed seasonal staffing requirements
 - A full-time parks maintenance assistant position is being advertised. This is an immediate need.
 - Hiring for positions for day camps
 - Hiring 8-10 lifeguards, 4-6 gate attendants and 7 recreation people for summer recreation programs.
2. Discussed Adult Tours program. Town offering three Covered Wagon tours this season, all of them one day tours – Merry-Go-Round theater in Auburn, Alexandria Bay tour, and Cortland County Music Park tour. The city of Canandaigua expressed interest in the town adult program.
3. The current work on Miller Park was itemized.
 - Signage, both entrance sign and interpretive signs.
 - Mark Stryker and son, Tim, will be seeding a portion of the park with wildflowers this spring.
 - Boulders will be added to Bliss Road side
 - Benches for some areas, hoping scouts can provide them.
4. Current listing of events was discussed briefly.
 - Opening of highway building – June 16, 2018
 - Opening of Miller Park – late August or September
 - 4th of July parade – don't have theme yet
 - County Fair – theme is aviation, discussed transforming float into a plane
 - Halloween activities at Onanda
 - There will not be a square dance.
5. Camp-Anandaigua – camp with ARC will be held at Onanda the week of August 13th. This will be the 4th year for the camp.
6. Dennis will be meeting with Shane Fackleman about programs offered at the Cobblestone Arts Center. They have a new theater and offer a number of programs for people of all ages.
7. There was a discussion about inclusive recreation. There were many references in the new Master Plan about updating parks to provide more accessibility. Dennis will be meeting with an assessment specialist from SUNY Cortland to discuss the inclusion of youth of all abilities in our programs and services. The discussion will include available grant opportunities.
8. Dennis informed the committee that the Town Board had approved \$30,000 to match the city of Canandaigua's contribution to build the dog park in the city.
9. Dennis has been approached by a community group who would like to sponsor and raise funds for an Inclusive Playground at Blue Heron Park. In keeping with the new Parks and Recreation

Master Plan, the Parks committee supports the addition of the playground at Blue Heron Park but recognizes the need for infrastructure improvements to the park if the project moves forward, in particular, parking, bathrooms, walkways and drainage. The committee feels strongly that funds from the Parks and Recreation fee fund should be reserved strictly for these types of infrastructure improvements at Blue Heron Park, as well as other improvements recommended in the Master Plan for the other parks.

10. There was a discussion about volunteer coordination. The Town has been approached by a person who wants to assemble a group of community volunteers. Dennis will be meeting to discuss how this request can best address identified needs at the parks and complement the work being done by maintenance staff. The committee feels strongly that the work of volunteers should be directed by the town Parks and Recreation Director.

11. Dennis handed out the list of the Parks and Recreation Projects for 2018. The list is attached to these minutes.

Next meeting will be held West Lake Schoolhouse (visit McJannett Park before meeting) at 6 pm on April 25th, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Parkhurst