

MINUTES
TOWN OF CANANDAIGUA
PARKS AND RECREATION/TRAILS
MEETING JULY 25, 2018
CANANDAIGUA TOWN HALL

Members Present: Mark MacNeil, Karen Parkhurst, Dennis Brewer, Doug Finch, Dave Sauter, Dave Korpiel, Troy Bennett

1. Approved current minutes from June meeting.
2. Doug – introduce Troy Bennett who will take charge of parks maintenance and improvements.
3. Doug Finch was welcomed to the meeting as Town Manager. He presented the new focus of the Parks and Recreation Committee
 - Reviewed the function of the Town of Canandaigua CIC (Citizens Implementation Committee) as the instrument for implementing the goals of the town master plan, including the new Parks and Recreation Master Plan.
 - The CIC needs representation from the Parks and Recreation committee. Karen Parkhurst agreed to be that representative.
 - The town purchased property to be used to mitigate the runoff from Sucker Brook. Part of the development of that property will be a berm and it is being suggested that a trail be installed on top of the berm.
 - An overview of the Uptown project was given, including plans for Blue Heron Park.
 - There was an extended discussion about the Auburn trail and the plans for extending and completing the Canandaigua portion of it.
 - The committee was agreeable to the changes recommended for them to be more focused on programs with less involvement in maintenance and upkeep.
 - The city of Canandaigua is in the process of hiring and Parks person, we will work together with the city.
 - There is a need for more communication with town residents. Doug suggested the Parks and Recreation committee include information in the town newsletter.
 - Doug gave a review of the remaining dollars in the Parks and Recreation budget.
 - Finally, it was requested that we “think outside the box.”
4. Director’s report
 - Dennis has had comments favorable to the disc golf section of Blue Heron Park. And the Marcus Whitman schools have had outings there.
 - Pre-school programs are going well.
 - There are 2 more weeks of day camp, next week includes a visit to Strong Museum.
 - Senior trip to Alexandria Bay is filled – 11 people going.
 - The lifeguards at Onanda Park have expressed concerns about Paddle Board activity at the beach.
 - Gatehouse receipts at Onanda Park have increased this year.
5. Senior Programs Update –Doug provided the group with the list of suggestions made by attendees of the Senior Picnic. There was an extended discussion about implementing the programs. Items on the list will be prioritized according to ease of implementation. Suggestions were made for using the Civic Center, Wood Library, Town Hall and other venues.

Next meeting will be held at Pierce Park at 6 pm on August 29th, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Parkhurst