

Town of Canandaigua
Parks and Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes
July 27, 2016
Leonard R. Pierce Park

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm

Members Present

Ali Schenk, Chair, Jeff Graff, Stephanie Kunes, Mark McNeil, Elizabeth Page

Members Not Present

N/A

Also Present

Dennis Brewer, Director of Parks and Recreation
Kevin Reynolds, Town Board Member
David Sauter, Town Trails Committee Member
Kim McGarry, Canandaigua Lake Watershed Council

Approval of Minutes

S. Kunes moved to approve the June 22, 2016 minutes/second by A. Schenk –
4 ayes/0 nays/1 abstention (J. Graff – absent from the June 22nd meeting)

Presentation by Kim McGarry, Canandaigua Lake Watershed Council

Ms. McGarry made a presentation to the Committee on a proposed Canandaigua Lake Water Trail. She explained that the goal is to have a number of sites around the Lake where individuals in non-motorized boats can launch, stop and rest and/or exit the Lake. The map she showed the Committee showed a number of possible sites around the Lake with the largest number likely to be on the North and South ends of the Lake. She explained that Onanda Park would provide a needed site on the west side of the Lake that is located towards the middle of the Lake. She explained that the CLWC has funds available to assist the Town with costs that might be incurred in permitting this use – such as signage, a structure to store canoes and kayaks and, possibly, additional staffing that may be needed to enforce such a new use.

D. Brewer informed the Committee that the Town Attorney has already given his opinion that commercial businesses can not use Onanda Park in this way. The Town Attorney should also review whether NYS needs to consent to such use as the Lakeside of Onanda Park is owned by NYS.

The Committee agreed to review the existing Local Law establishing the regulations that currently ban watercraft from entering Onanda Park via the Lake and to discuss this proposal at its next meeting. No action taken.

Committee Make-Up:

K. Reynolds informed the Committee that the Parks and Recreation Committee and the Trails Committee are still two separate committees and have not yet been combined. As such, the Parks and Recreation Committee still only has four regular members and one youth member with one regular seat remaining vacant. Further, the Trails Committee now has only two members on it.

D. Brewer, D. Sauter and K. Reynolds (himself a former Trails Committee Member) each felt that the two committees could and should be combined with the singular committee being responsible for issues concerning parks, recreation and trails.

J. Graff moved to recommend that the Town Board disband the Trails Committee and make this Committee and combined Parks and Recreation and Trails Committee consisting of five (5) regular members and one (1) youth member.

Second by A. Schenk -

5 ayes/0 nays

Review of Parks:

Leonard R. Pierce Park

- A. Pavilion nearest playground needed to be cleaned.
- B. Pavilion nearest playground needs its fascia painted.
- C. Pavilion nearest playground needs the concrete pad to have a slope to the ground as there is now a large lip that creates a risk of tripping.
- D. The shed has an uncovered electrical box and damaged siding underneath the meter (see attached picture).
- E. The shed needs its door to be painted as graffiti is still showing through.
- F. The rest room has bees nesting in a hole that a ground wire is going through.
- G. The softball field running lanes need to be rototilled, weeded and filled with more sand/dirt and the mound needs more sand/dirt.
- H. The benches around the softball field have been damaged, dented and tilted to an angle.

- I. The playground mulch needs to be rototilled, weeded and filled with more mulch.

Parks & Trails Master Plan

D. Brewer discussed a Request for Proposal for a consultant to assist with the preparation of the Parks & Trails Master Plan update.

No action as this Committee has previously recommended the need for such a consultant.

Updates by D. Brewer

1. Report to the Town Board for July 18, 2016.
2. Discussion of the use of drones at Richard Outhouse Park and Blue Heron Park and the understanding that such use is governed by the FAA.
3. Signs have added to the Towns parks clearly stating "No Weapons".
4. The Town's beaches have been inspected and no violations were found.
5. There was a gas leak in Gorham Lodge that has been resolved.
6. Revenue is low compared to 2015

Cabin rentals (2015)	\$84,620
Cabin rentals (1/1/16 to 7/25/16)	\$55,980
Gate house (2015)	\$21,714
Gate house (1/1/16 to 7/25/16)	\$14,400

Other:

1. K. Reynolds informed the Committee that the Citizens Implementation Committee is meeting at the Town Hall on August 2, 2016 at 9am to discuss trails.

K. Reynolds informed the Committee that the Town Code refers to Blue Heron Park as Fire Hall Park and other names.

J. Graff moved to recommend that the Town Board amend the Town Code wherever Blue Heron Park is referred to by some other name so that the correct park name is shown on all Town laws, regulations, notices and other places with the park name is shown.

Second by A. Schenk –
5 ayes/0 nays

2. K. Reynolds requested a recommendation from the Committee that dogs be allowed to be walked in more Town parks than they are now allowed to enter.

J. Graff moved to recommend that the Town Board amend the Town Code to allow dogs to be walked on a leash in all Town parks except the Lakeside of Onanda Park and except in West Lake Schoolhouse Park (Butler Road Park).

Second by A. Schenk –

5 ayes/0 nays

Next Meeting

August 24 at 5:30 at Blue Heron Park

September 28 at 5:30 at Richard P. Outhouse Park

October 26 at 5:30 at Onanda Park

Adjournment

A. Schenk moved to adjourn/second by E. Page – 5 ayes/0 nays

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm

Submitted by Jeff Graff