

# **TOWN OF RED HOOK RECREATION COMMISSION**

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## **Recreation Commission Monthly Meeting**

**Monday, 11 March 2013**

### **RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Submitted by John D. Kuhn, Park and Programs Director

#### **SEQRA for Recreation Park Extension**

Brandee Nelson from Crawford Associates Engineering presented the Recreation Park Extension Seqra Application to the Red Hook Town Board at the monthly board meeting held at the Tivoli Fire House on 27 February 2013. The Town Board agreed to be the lead agency for the project. The first public meeting is scheduled for 9 April 2013 at the Red Hook Town Hall.

#### **Access from Aspinwall Road to Recreation Park Extension**

A decision concerning exactly how the land will be designated for use as a pedestrian and bicycle access should be made soon. Working with the Greenway and Trails Committee, we will finish the remaining tree work and construct an attractive and functional guard rail that will prevent vehicle access into the new park.

#### **Recreation Park User Fees – RHCS D**

The negotiations for RHCS D User Fee for the use of the Recreation Park by interscholastic teams have concluded. While not yet signed by both parties, the Intermunicipal Agreement has been reviewed and has only to be approved officially by the two boards. This resolves this issue for the next three years.

#### **Youth Member – Recreation Commission/Dutchess County Youth Council Recommendations/Nominations?**

#### **Winter Park Maintenance**

Because of the mild weather the park is seeing considerable continued use by walkers with their dogs. Since we now have Mutt Mitt dispensers at both ends of the park that have greatly reduced animal waste problems, we must have garbage cans available all year. I visit the park several times every week and on Sundays replace the Mutt Mitts as required and empty the garbage cans. Removal of downed branches, pickup of paper, plastic bottles, etc. is an ongoing necessity.

#### **St. Margaret's Home**

Yankee Construction from Mountainville, NY finished work on the porch. They removed the pile of construction debris from the site. Jeff Tremper and I burned the pile of brush behind the house on 7 February 2013. Howard Callies plowed the site for the contractors on 20 February so they could finish the project.

#### **ABI Infield Rascal**

The Infield Rascal is now in the Storage Barn at the Recreation Park. Assembly and wiring for the electric actuator is required. Current plans are to use this as an attachment on the JD670.

#### **Snack Bar Operator**

Kate Cavotti has agreed to run the Snack Bar operation. She requests that we reconsider the 10% of gross receipts for the first year given the uncertainty of the venture. She proposed 5% for the first year until she sees how things go.

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## **Roofing Requirements in 2013**

New roofs on the dugouts, maintenance building, snack bar, and pavilion may be necessary. As the park approaches 40-years of age, infrastructure repairs and replacements cannot be deferred without consequences.

## **Dutchess County Department of Community and Family Services**

Effective 1 January 2013 the Division of Youth Services is no longer under the Department of Services for Aging, Veterans and Youth. That department no longer exists in county government. They are now merged with former Department of Social Services and called the Department of Community and Family Services. In the near future the Youth Bureau will move to 60 Market Street in Poughkeepsie. Until the move is completed, offices will remain at 27 High Street. June Ellen Notaro will remain as the Director, Division of Youth Services

## **Park Facility Maintenance Requirements for 2013**

Find attached the existing maintenance budget.

## **Picnic Tables**

Eight Tables Ordered on NYS Contract #PC64733

## **Soft Touch Bases/Double Soft Touch First Bases**

Purchased three sets of bases and two double first base units.

## **Pavilion Ceiling**

Installation of permanent vinyl or aluminum ceiling instead of replacing the ¼" plywood currently on the ceiling may be a better long-term solution. Samples of products are available for review.

## **Dutchess County Soils and Water/Ed Hoxie**

The new timeline for action is now April or May 2013. I spoke directly with Ed Hoxie on Monday, 11 March 2013. Once again there has been no action planned to remove the trees still in the Sawkill Creek from Hurricane Irene. I reiterated our concerns that a major storm may well move the trees north of the park downstream onto our property and/or back up the stream and flood the roller hockey rink. The trees blocking the Sawkill Creek on the west side of the Linden Avenue Bridge were cleared, so the problems that remain are the immediate north and south borders of the park. I will continue to call Ed Hoxie for updates as I have done every month since Hurricane Irene that occurred in August of 2011.

## **Recreation Park Project List - Spring 2013**

Find attached the project list for the Recreation Park. One of the priorities of 2014 will be to complete the painting and/or staining needed in the park. This list will be "checked off" as each item is completed. This approach worked well last year, but this year I will keep track of the hours required for completion. It is very often that a simple one-line entry requires major man hours of work to complete.

## **Website Updates**

Before the park officially opens on April 15, I hope to have all the items on the Town of Red Hook Recreation Website updated with 2013 information.

## **Basketball Court and Roller Hockey Rink Repairs**

The FEMA funds were finally received after our appeals were upheld. I called Steve Puzio from Copeland Coating Company who gave us the original price

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quotes for the FEMA claims from Hurricane Irene. He will put us on their schedule for repairs to be done in May if the weather permits. Once these repairs are done, all our FEMA claims will be complete. Paid invoices for all completed work will be provided as required to FEMA.

## **Tennis Nets**

Purchase of two tennis nets is scheduled for this year.

## **Septic Tank/Grease Trap Cleaning**

Based on our every-other-year schedule, the tanks do not require pumping this year.

## **Playground Safety Fiber**

Based on our every-other-year schedule, the playgrounds will require the replacement of 100 cubic yards of safety fiber to remain in compliance with current standards. This will be scheduled for May or early June prior to the start of the Summer Recreation Program.

## **Language Institute Materials/Supplies in Town Hall Basement**

Linda Stoddard cleaned out the Town Hall basement. Located in the file section of the basement are several boxes containing the materials and supplies from the now defunct Language Institute the Recreation Commission ran for ten years at Bard College's Olin Center. The supplies I will give to Johanna Moore for the Summer Recreation Playground. The Spanish and French books and tapes will be given to the RHCSD.

## **2013 Maintenance Staff Employment Dates**

Howard Callies	18 March - 29 November 2013
Thomas Peters	18 March - 8 November 2013
Don Whipple	15 April - 4 October 2013