

# **TOWN OF RED HOOK RECREATION COMMISSION**

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## **Recreation Commission Monthly Meeting**

**Monday, 9 June 2014**

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

Submitted by John D. Kuhn, Park and Programs Director

#### **Summer Recreation Park Program**

Courtney Carroll, the Recreation Playground Director, has cleaned and inventoried the Recreation Sheds. I have met with her several times on a variety of issues that have been resolved. Staff recommendations will be completed this week. I will email them to the Recreation Commission.

#### **John Deere 1445 Front Mower and John Deere 455 Tractor**

Intermittent problems with starting and sudden shut downs continue with the JD1445. It may require diagnosis and repair at Keil's if it persists. The Mower Deck on the JD455 has broken wheels once again. I will order the parts.

#### **Poison Ivy**

Keeping our park neighbors informed and addressing their concerns has always been a Recreation Commission priority. The next step is the pre-emergent treatment required in the spring. This will be scheduled with Integral Tree and Landscape Service. Once again we will go through the process of notifying the neighborhood and posting signs in the sprayed areas. It may take a year or two to "correct" the poison ivy problems at the park.

#### **Hot Water Heater**

The hot water heater in the snack bar may require replacement in 2014. The existing hot water heater is nine-years old. Todd Abrahams will give us a recommendation and an estimate for this work. We must provide hot water for the Snack Bar at appropriate temperatures to meet Board of Health requirements.

#### **Restroom Glass Brick Windows**

I talked at length with local mason Chris Zietz about replacing the broken glass blocks. We would leave the Lexan that is currently covering both the inside and outside of the glass-block windows to prevent someone from breaking them again. Chris Zietz will submit an estimate in the spring. Shannon Miller donated the glass blocks needed for the repairs so material costs should be minimal.

#### **Recreation Playground Shed**

The new roof will be done after the completion of the Recreation Playground Program in August. Rain and the extra demands of mowing so far this season has made it impossible to find the time to get this roof done. Every time we plan for a day, we get over an inch of rain!

#### **Employee Background Checks**

As discussed at our last meeting, I emailed the 2014 Little League Volunteer Application to all anticipated Summer Program Directors. Some have returned them, but most have not. I will send out more emails with more copies! I will keep the Commission posted on our progress.

#### **Summer Programs**

All programs should start as scheduled. Sign-ups are going well and will conclude on Saturday, 14 June 2014. Sign-ups at programs are also possible.

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## **Summer Staff Meeting**

I am scheduling a Summer Staff Meeting on 7:00 p.m. on 18 June 2014 at the Town Hall. I will go over the contents of the Program Notebooks, Review Sexual Harassment Policy, Review Workplace Violence Protocols, Sign-In and Sign-Out Procedures, and have staff complete all remaining Background Checks.

## **2014 Rhinebeck Legion Band Concert at St. Margaret's Home**

The parking limitations at Abrahams Park and the lack of adequate handicapped accessibility and parking make it desirable to relocate this Recreation Commission sponsored concert to St. Margaret's Home or to the Recreation Park. STMH is more central and probably the more attractive site for a summer concert. Arrangements for parking at the Hardscrabble Plaza could be made with Todd Baright. Folks could get an ice cream at Holy Cow and then walk over to STMH for the concert on the North Lawn.

I discussed the possible site change with Connie Kessel from the Rhinebeck Legion Band, and she opined that it would be an excellent venue.

I have asked the St. Margaret's Committee to give their approval to this concert site. Paul Fredericks, Chair of the St. Margaret's Committee, told me that his committee had no control over this. I can only assume that we can go ahead with this change of venue for the concert.

## **Baseball Field Project**

Plans for the building of a double pitching warm-up station down the left field line beyond the baseball shed are complete. Again, volunteers and Park Staff will complete the installation.

## **Baseball Shed and Baseball Dugouts**

As previously noted, we installed new roof last fall on the dugouts and baseball shed with ice shield under the shingles. We also rebuilt and painted the baseball shed last fall. The dugouts will be repaired and painted this summer to complete the needed updates.

## **Major Tree Work in Playground Area**

On Tuesday, 13 May, Everhart Tree Service dropped four dangerous trees located by the Playground and the North Parking Lot. These locust trees were 80-100' tall and hollow. Everhart dropped the trees and cut up the pieces too large for our chain saws. Park Staff removed the brush and limbs and cut up the smaller sections of the trees. The only hitch in the project was that everyone involved contracted poison ivy that required doctor visits and medications.

## **Mowing at the Recreation Park**

The frequent and intense rains of late have required much more frequent mowing of the park and fields. While bare spots have filled in well, the mowing schedule leaves little time for other projects.

## **John Deere 4120**

The entire bucket assembly came off the tractor on 13 May at the conclusion of the tree project. We discovered that the spring clips that prevent the bucket from separating were never engaged. After much effort and care, we successfully hooked up the bucket system properly. Keil Equipment was not aware the bucket was not attached properly when we picked up the tractor.