

TOWN OF RED HOOK RECREATION COMMISSION

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Recreation Commission Monthly Meeting

Monday, 14 July 2014

RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Submitted by John D. Kuhn, Park and Programs Director

Summer Recreation Programs

All scheduled programs are running as planned. The heat index and the frequency of thunder storms with lightning and very heavy downpours have caused some cancellations.

John Deere 1445 Front Mower

Keil Equipment repaired the intermittent problems with starting and sudden shut downs of the JD1445 at a cost of \$245.00. The problem was the filter in the diesel fuel tank that required complete removal for cleaning and filter replacement.

Poison Ivy

Integral Tree and Landscape completed the poison ivy post-emergent treatment on 26 June 2014. The park neighbors were informed in advance. Appropriate signage was placed in all areas receiving treatment. It may take a year or two to "correct" the poison ivy problems at the park.

Employee Background Checks

The completed background check forms were given to Linda Mulvey who will process them through the Little League service. She will provide the Recreation Commission with a report.

Summer Staff Meeting

Program Directors attended a Summer Staff Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on 18 June 2014 at the Town Hall. I reviewed the contents of the Program Notebooks, the town's Sexual Harassment Policy, Workplace Violence Protocols, Sign-In and Sign-Out Procedures. Background Check forms were completed. Director's were given the updated individual program notebooks with all the Participant Permission Slips. Individual program concerns were addressed after the general meeting concluded.

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

I met with Connie Kessel from the American Legion Band to walk the St. Margaret's Home property to agree on how the 5 August 2014 concert could be held on the North Lawn. 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 at least on a trial basis. STMH is more central and probably the more attractive site for a summer concert. Arrangements for parking at the Hardscrabble Plaza have been 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 talked with Gladys Fell about moving the concert from Abrahams Park. She understood the reasoning and supported the move.

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Baseball Field Project

Jeff Tremper and I built the 12' x12' frame for the double pitching warm-up station down the left field line beyond the baseball shed. Made of 10"x10" pressure treated timbers, this facility should last for many years. It has been stained Rec Park red. A "gate" backstop will be attached to the Baseball Storage Shed to provide a backstop behind the catchers. The pitcher's plates and the home plates will be installed shortly.

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.

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 tines on the backhoe bucket have come off twice now. The tractor is under warranty and repairs will be done at no charge by Keil Equipment. The hydraulic hose on one of the backhoe support legs burst when it became pinched against a stump we were removing. Triebel's Garage made up a new hose, replaced a bent fitting, and we reinstalled the hose.

John Deere 455

While mowing the St. Margaret's Home property, the JD455 abruptly stopped. After troubleshooting, I found that the fuses for the fuel pump were corroded and not making positive contact. A similar problem occurred on the JDGator the same week. Perhaps humid conditions created these problems.

St. Margaret's Home

Three dead trees fell during the recent wind and rain storms. One dead tree near the road snapped off about three feet off the ground. This past weekend Jeff Tremper and I cut up and removed all the fallen limbs and trees on the property. The dead trees at STMH must be addressed. Two of the dead trees will hit the newly repaired porch roofs on the south and east side of the building if they come down during a storm. I will send an email to the St. Margaret's Committee urging them to fund having the dangerous trees put on the ground where we can them cut them up and remove the wood.

We also removed several stumps and rocks to prepare for the planned American Legion Band Concert on Tuesday, 5 August 2014.