

# TOWN OF RED HOOK RECREATION COMMISSION

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## RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

**Monday, 13 April 2015**

Submitted by John D. Kuhn, Park and Programs Director

### **Snack Bar Roof**

After 40 years the Snack Bar roof is leaking. The restroom ceiling has been damaged. I am worried about the electrical wiring and boxes getting wet and shorting out or causing a fire. This project will have to be addressed immediately!

### **Snack Bar Freezer**

I replaced the broken freezer purchased in 1994 with an Energy Star Frigidaire. This is the freezer where all food is stored for the season.

### **Snack Bar Hood**

The hood over the grill and fryers in the Snack Bar require professional cleaning. Kate Cavotti is getting the name of the local company that does food services in the Red Hook area. Again, this is something we must do immediately to avoid possible grease fires.

### **Tree Damage and Debris Cleanup**

90% of the necessary park cleanup has been done. More work is needed at the Roller Rink and Parking Lots.

### **Wetlands Delineation**

The area in the Rec Park Extension have been staked. The next step is sending out an RFP to have the upland removed and the dirt taken to the wetland area mitigated on the south end of the park. This must be done before the ACOE Permit expires.

### **Dead Tree in Playground**

A dead locust in the playground and one hanging branch on the Oak Tree will be removed by Everhart Tree Service on 13 April 2015. The Park Staff will cut up the tree and remove all debris.

### **Burn Piles at Recreation Park Extension**

The burn piles at the Recreation Park Extension still remain because the snow was too deep to gain access to the site with the JD455 or the JD4120.

### **Restroom Faucets**

Damaged faucets on the restroom sinks will require replacement. Todd Abrahams has researched possible spring-loaded replacements. We hope to have them installed before the Girls' Softball Tournament.

### **Red Hook Rod and Gun Club Fishing Contest**

The Recreation Commission and the Red Hook Rod and Gun Club sponsored the Fishing Contest at the Recreation Park and Sawkill Creek on Saturday, 11 April 2015. The stream was stocked early on Friday, 10 April and "No Fishing" signs were posted along the Sawkill Creek. Pete Heitmann once again served as director of this event for the Rod and Gun Club. The Fishing Contest enjoyed great weather and was well attended.

### **Linden Avenue Bridge**

I talked with engineer Greg Bentley, the Dutchess County Project Manager for the Linden Avenue Bridge replacement. Greg told me that the project is moving

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along more or less on schedule with most of the necessary permits and signoffs done. Tree removal has been completed. He will inform us if anything changes. As noted last month Dutchess County plans to replace the comprised bridge on Linden Avenue beginning in March 2015. The road will be totally closed from March to November. It will be inconvenient for all who visit the park and the pool for the whole summer. I attended several meetings that explored the possibility of providing at least a foot bridge to connect the park to the village, but the physical and financial problems are insurmountable. A shuttle bus from the Linden Avenue Middle School to the Recreation Park on a schedule to accommodate the Summer Recreation Programs is being discussed.

There is one wild card in this project that may be a problem. Because of the Tappan Zee Bridge construction, the repairs to the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge, and the construction of the chip plant in Malta there is a great demand for precast concrete beams. These are the beams required for the Linden Avenue Bridge. If the pre-casts cannot be purchased during the scheduled time frame, the bridge may not be done in 2015.

## **Blue Spruce Trees**

We removed the dead tree. The root structure was non-existent!

I recommend that we hold off on the bio-organic root stimulants until we have the two trees evaluated in the spring in cooperation with the Tree Committee. The trees may very well not benefit from continuing the stimulant treatments.

## **Poison Ivy Treatment**

Pre-emergent and post-emergent herbicidal treatments for poison ivy along the west boundary of the Recreational Park will be scheduled again this year at a cost of \$575.00. It does appear that the previous treatments have reduced the amount of poison ivy along the tree line.

## **Equipment Repairs**

New tires are needed for the 11-year-old JDGator, the 20-year-old JD510, and the 23-year-old JD455. The tires are now so worn that it is just a question of time when they will go flat. The life of the current tires were extended by installing tubes over the past few years. This approach will no longer work.

## **Recycling Containers – Grant Application**

On 3 March 2015 I submitted an on-line grant application for 10 recycling containers. Sponsored by Dr. Pepper and Snapple the grant offers recycling containers for plastic bottle and cans. We would have to figure out the details of sorting the collected recyclables, but given the significant number of water bottle and sports drink containers at the park something should be done to keep them out of the regular garbage stream.

## **Chamber of Commerce Summer Camp Fair**

Doug Strawinski and I attended the Summer Camp Fair held at Mill Road School on Thursday, 26 March 2015 - 5:00-7:00 p.m. We had a colorful poster and a handout listing prospective summer programs. Attendance was good.

## **Rhinebeck Legion Band Concert**

After a successful concert at the St. Margaret's Home site last year, I recommend holding the concert there again this summer.

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## **Employee Background Checks**

Again this year we will use the Little League form and go through Red Hook Little League to provide the background checks.

## **Wetland Overflow to the Sawkill**

Despite cleaning the ditch twice this spring, the water is not flowing again.

## **Summer Programs**

I am working on getting commitments from directors for the summer programs. Hopefully everyone can return once again.

## **Basketball Clinic at RHCS D**

Town of Red Hook sponsorship of a pay to play clinic at the RHCS D is beyond the scope of our Mission Statement. The RHCS D has been informed of our decision. The RHCS D should decide what they want to allow in their facilities.