

Recreation Commission Regular Meeting  
James Harmon Community Center- 44 Main Street  
Thursday, March 16, 2017 8 PM

MEETING MINUTES

**In attendance:** Joanne Baecher-DiSalvo (Chair), Gloria Brkich, John Daily, David Downs, Angela Reeve

**I. Public Comment**

J. Baecher-DiSalvo publicly thanked Rich Strobel (Parks Foreman) and Valerie Harmon (acting Pool Director) for their contributions to preparing the Chemka Pool facility (Mr. Strobel) and staffing/programs (Ms. Harmon) in preparation of the summer 2017 season.

D. Sbrega, President of Hastings Little League, shared that HLL season begins April 17<sup>th</sup>, with a full morning of Opening Celebrations scheduled for Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. HLL Parade steps off from the commuter parking lot at 8:30am and players/coaches march to Zinsser Field for the opening day pitch.

**II. Old Business / Updates**

- Approved Minutes from February monthly meeting.
- Upcoming/New Programs.

**III. New Business**

- Uniontown Park – update. As Gene Calamari (Rec Commission liaison to HLL) was not present this evening, no update to report. There was question as to whether the official topographical survey had been completed. Will know more upon Gene's return.
- Hillside Park Tennis Courts – update. Awaiting contract bids from vendors.
- Hillside Woods – update – David Downs (Rec Commission liaison to the Conservation Commission's efforts / study of Hillside Woods) reported that the Conservation Commission is taking the educational lead on a series of public forums this spring geared toward educating the public on the state of the woods and helping to solicit input/ideas on what possibilities might exist to combat the declining health/state of Hillside woods. Some possibilities introduced at the Conservation meetings included fencing Hillside Woods, possible culling in the woods, replanting of understory to include deer resistant plants. A member of the Conservation Commission was in the audience this evening and further commented that the deer are not the sole cause of the declining state. Factors such as the tree service on the Hastings/Dobbs border, teenagers or visitors that frequent the woods, etc. He noted that the trails through Hillside Woods seemed to be in pretty good shape.
- Chemka Pool – program / permit fees, fence. David Downs opened the topic with a brief history that the Chemka Pool is operated under a separate self-sustaining fund. \$130K per year is taken off total revenue each summer to pay toward the bond (taken out in 2002 to renovate the training pool, add a new "spray pool," and upgrade the filtration systems. We know that

staffing costs will increase over the next few years, with minimum wage in Westchester County being raised to \$10/hour this year. The Commission discussed a 3% increase to all permit fees to help offset the staffing increase and to help preserve any surplus from any particular summer. It was noted that while we can accurately predict the costs of running the Chemka Pool operations, we cannot accurately predict the revenues (sale of memberships/permits fluctuate with factors such as cold seasons, strained economic times, availability of other local options such as the Sprain Ridge Pool due to open in Summer 2017, etc). All Commission members in attendance agreed that Senior permits should remain \$99 and not increase the proposed 3%. Angela Reeve, David Downs, and Superintendent Matt Nordt will attend the Village Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at which time there will be a "Public Hearing on the Proposed Municipal Pool Fees" on the BoT agenda.

<Insert Legal Notice by order of the Board of Trustees and filed by Village Clerk Joseph L. Cerretani, Publish in the Rivertowns Enterprise March 10, 2017 – Outlined of proposed Municipal Pool fee increase comparison of current and proposed fees>

- Fencing at the Chemka Pool complex – Valerie Harmon requested consideration of adding post and rail fencing to run from the parking lot down to the entrance side walks of the Chemka Pool. She also suggested repairing the existing fencing that runs from the beginning of the side walk up toward the entrance of the pool. Having fencing along these sidewalks can help improve safety (children would not readily be able to run off the side walk and down the steep grass hill, as well as the fencing providing something for people to hold onto down the steep grade of the hill). King Fence had supplied an estimate of approximately \$3,500. Joanne suggested we further discuss at the April Commission Meeting.

<insert photos provide by V. Harmon depicting where new fencing could be installed to improve safety>

- Quarry Park – update. Angela Reeve & John Daily (Rec Commission liaisons to the Quarry Park Committee) reported that Mathews Nielsen Landscape Architects would be overseeing the work at Quarry Park. John reviewed a brief history and shared that an area of the quarry property needed to be properly "capped" before the park could be reopened, and this would involve moving of soil and an addition of soil on the affected area to ensure proper drainage. NYS DEC has approved MNLA's proposal. Angela Reeve attended a 3/13/17 "Quarry Park Kick-Off Meeting" organized by MNLA and held at Village Hall for representatives from Parks & Rec (M. Nordt, R. Strobel, A. Reeve), Village Mgr (F. Frobel), and members of the Quarry Park Committee to outline the overall time line of the project. In sum, MNLA suggested presenting info to Parks & Rec Commission and Village Board of Trustees (BoT) in late April, with another round of presentations to the BoT in late May. Contract documents would be prepared by end of May, with Bid documents going out this June. Bids for construction could go out as early as this summer, with an estimated time frame for mobilization as early as September. There was no set time indicated for construction start, however general discussions suggested perhaps this fall, or depending on the month (seeding and planting need to be considered) an early spring construction might be more realistic.

**V.Adjournment** – meeting adjourned 9:15pm.

Next meeting: April TBD

## LEGAL NOTICE

### PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

That the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson hereby schedule a Public Hearing for Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. or soon thereafter at the Municipal Building, 7 Maple Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson, New York, to consider the advisability of increasing Municipal Pool fees as follows:

	<u>Current Fee</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>
Early Bird Full Season Family	\$465.00	\$479.00
Early Bird Split Season Family	327.00	337.00
Early Bird Full Season Individual	248.00	255.00
Early Bird Full Season Junior	120.00	124.00
Early Bird Split Season Individual	178.00	183.00
Early Bird Full Season Family of Two	408.00	420.00
Early Bird Split Season Family of Two	290.00	299.00
Regular Full Season Family	507.00	522.00
Regular Split Season Family	354.00	365.00
Regular Full Season Individual	273.00	281.00
Regular Split Season Individual	219.00	225.00
Regular Full Season Junior Individual	135.00	139.00
Regular Full Season Family of Two	463.00	477.00
Regular Season Split Season Family of Two	324.00	334.00
Regular Season Daily Admission**	136.00	140.00
Regular Season Senior Citizen	99.00	99.00
Regular Season Special/ Caregiver	136.00	140.00
Regular Season Early Morning Swim	136.00	140.00
Non-Resident Full Season Family	700.00	721.00
Non-Resident Full Season Individual	400.00	412.00

\*\* Daily Admission will continue to pay \$3.00 per visit.

The Board at such time and place will hear all persons in support or opposition to such matter.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

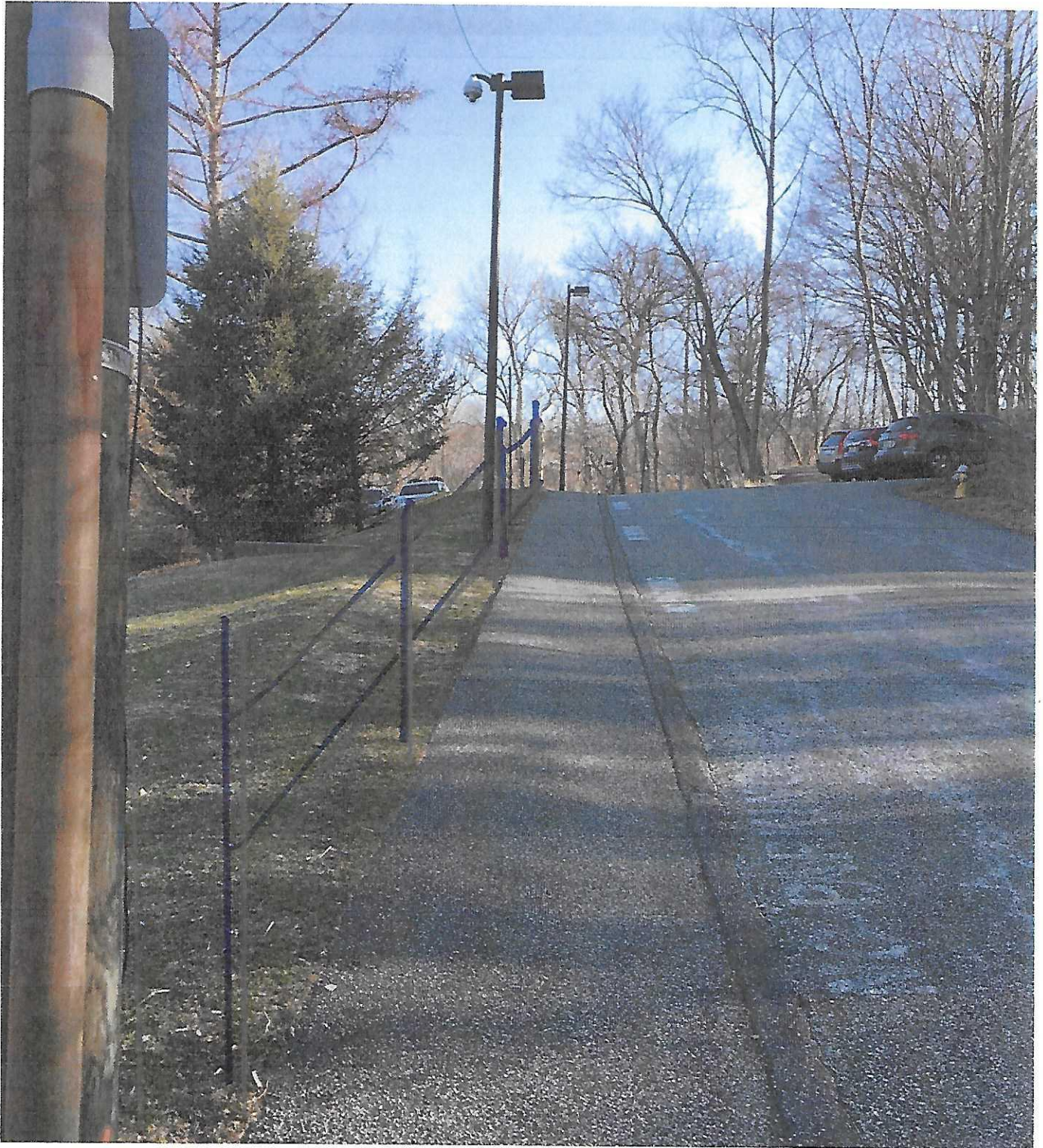
JOSEPH L. CERRETANI  
Village Clerk

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