

**Recreation Commission Regular Meeting  
James Harmon Community Center- 44 Main Street  
Thursday, January 19, 2017 8 PM**

**TIME: 8:00PM**  
**PLACE: JAMES HARMON COMMUNITY CENTER, 44 Main Street**

I. **Call to Order**

II. **Public Comment**

III. **Old Business/Updates**

- Upcoming/ New programs

IV. **New Business**

- Feedback from Dec 20<sup>th</sup> presentation of Long Range Plan to Board of Trustees
- Uniontown Park update
- Hillside Park Tennis Courts update
- Quarry Park update
- PTSA request for use of parks

V. **Adjournment**

In attendance:

Joanne Baecher-DiSalvo (Chair), David Downs, Angela Reeve, John Dailey, Samantha Merton.  
Lisa O'Reilly (Recreation Assistant)

Approval of December 8, 2016 Meeting Minutes.

Public Comment:

None

Old Business / Updates

Lisa O'Reilly shared new Recreation programs that were starting: yoga for adults and toddler time; in regards to recreation basketball, since Hillside's all-purpose room's new and permanent floor does not allow basketball play, there have been hoops in the Hillside gym. Angela Reeve pointed out that ice skating on Sugar Pond is determined by taking samples at various places on the pond. Three senior citizens: Gloria Brkich, Anne Schnibbe, and Nancy Beladen were each receiving an award on January 27<sup>th</sup> from the Recreation Dept for their commitment to volunteering.

## New Business

Feedback from Dec 20<sup>th</sup> presentation of Long Range Plan to Board of Trustees:

David Downs recapping Long Range Plan; highlighted assets and spectrum of Hastings' parks; It is a critical time for us to maintain parks; there is a need for an additional field and for a dog park; we are short the money required to do so; Hillside Woods are unfortunately in worse shape than we anticipated; Conservation Committee on top of Hillside Woods Education Plan; we took 45 minutes of questions from the Board – accepted findings of PRC Long Range Plan; also cited the need for both active recreation in Hastings as well as the need to maintain 'quiet' spots; Mayor Swiderski had pointed out not to slow down the positive progress. Walter Stugis pointed out that it was a thorough job – Board members had preconceived notions but now we know the reasons for the Long Range plans. It was pointed out that some 'adult' paces are not available because of kids' activities – therefore, adult time should be considered. John pointed out that facilities at Uniontown for basketball are not ideal; Kyle Crawford pointed out that the Rec Dept is currently working on scheduling open gym time for adults; John responded that this was great but just make sure it is monitored. David mentioned identifying purposes – especially as Hastings will soon have a new Superintendent of schools and a new Superintendent of Parks & Recreation – hopefully they can work together as there are some many more school teams than before.

Uniontown Park update:

Fran Frobel updated PRC on Uniontown – surveyors are going to take a topographic survey by staking the property to avoid any issues later; hopefully they will start next week; it will be \$6K to put together the survey; earliest start for renovation/construction would be July. Angela Reeve asked about the safety issues which had been brought up at previous meetings in regard to the parking lot – staggering the Little League game start times and a monitor in the parking lot – she asked whether we can ask HLL what steps are being taken. Representative from the HLL said that HLL can draw up a safety plan for this spring; however, it is unclear as to who would be responsible if an accident occurred- this would be an issue for getting a volunteer parking lot monitor.

Hillside Park Tennis Courts update:

Fran Frobel updated PRC that he is creating a bid manual in order to bid the project out to make sure the scope of the work is up to par. With permission in February, he is hoping for turnaround to start work in April. He also just received payment due from the 9A construction. Fran noted that the Village received \$210K (the remaining 50% of a total \$420K) in recreation fees from Ginsburg Development Companies for The Lofts / 9A development. The first \$210k installment was received by the Village in October 2016. Our goal is to have the tennis courts ready for summer use.

Quarry Park update:

John Dailey updated PRC with visual – showing a red dotted line which designated the extent of the area to cap from a grant from Scenic Park; it will covered with 2 feet of topsoil to create a flat surface; plan costs between \$1.9-\$2 million; John commented that the plan is extremely more limited in scope than previous plans – there would be a circular mound that people could climb up to get a better view of the Hudson River; there will be no clean up outside the designated red lines. Angela Reeve pointed out that the Board of Trustees are moving to

stage 2 working with Matthews Nielsen Landscape Architects. Fran mentioned how Quarry Park has been a 12-year project which is going into final design – hopeful that in one year looking for designers. John also suggested that as there is no playground near this area, perhaps something low tech such as sit-up/pull-up stations could be added. Fran Frobelsaid that we will go with lowest degree of cleanup – we are creating a passive areas – in order to get the grant, there can't be any structures. John asked in regard to the funding gap, what role would PRC play? It is a beautiful spot and happy to be moving forward; however, he mentioned concerns with parking facilities and dog areas – if it is not specified, then the area could become an area for dogs. Fran suggested that a bandshell could be constructed for music/theater; while there has been inactivity over the years, receiving the grant has been a big step and the village is in a good position to perhaps get an additional matching grant. John noted that he will be continuing to attend Quarry Park meetings.

PTSA request for use of parks:

Angela Reeve said that the PTSA has requested the use of the new 9A park for a color run in the spring; however, they also wanted to use the South County Trail, but didn't receive approval from Westchester County. Perhaps the PTSA could use Zinsser Park instead?

Additional business:

Fran Frobelsaid that for 9A field, all construction material and vehicles will be off the site by March; they are also leaving power and water at the site at their expense which is beneficial to Hastings. In addition, Fran pointed out that Riverview Park is about 90% complete however no power yet, and won't have it until April, post-winter.

David Downs said that he had attended that last two Shoreline Advisory Committee meetings; presentations were attended by approximately 75 people; given by Scenic Hudson – spoke of potential uses and how we need to respect the potential/expected sea rise – areas that could be flooded in 80-100 years. They also spoke of the high tide factor and storm surges. Ideas for the space from the public included kayak/canoe access, return to a natural shoreline, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday February 16, 2017 at 8:00pm @ James Harmon Community Center