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Amenia Recreation Commission Meeting – February 21, 2023

Town Hall: 7:00 p.m.

In Attendance:

- Committee Members: Linda Gregory, Joshua Simson, Paul Winter, Nicole Ahearn
- Rec Supervisor: Kelly Milano
- Rec Director: Katie Sterk-Grassi
- Town Board: Vicki Doyle, Leo Blackman, Victoria Perotti, Damian Gutierrez, Brad Rebillard
- Participants: Jane Didona (Landscape architect), DEC, AWCO, Wassaic Project, HVA

Business:

- **January Minutes:** Approved
- **Opening Statement from Rec Chairman** - introduced Katie and Jane Didona, touched on the importance of building up Wassaic Park for economic growth.
- **Rec Director Office** -AWCO offered \$1500 for donation to Rec Director office needs/supplies. Supervisor Perotti has found a landline phone for office.
- **Presentation by Jane Didona** -she pointed out issues and present obstacles: wetlands, Town garage will stay for material storage. The park is not visible, no parking or signage.
 - She is not comfortable with a Dog Park; AKC needs 1 acre of dry land, and 1 acre 200ft from any neighbor. Alternate spots were discussed.
- **Pump Track** – small Regional track is possible. We would not be able to have an international grade track due to space. Advised putting in a small Bike pad/play area for younger crowd not able to utilize the pump track to still feel included.
- **ADA Fishing Access** needs to be addressed. (ex: bridge) new pedestrian access between streams
- **Parking** -28 spot lot, including a “welcome” area, maybe a bathroom as well as picnic area
- **Town Garage** – “pretty it up” and fence off
- **TOWN HALL PARK** – Get rid of skate board park due to liability
- **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Public expressed wanting the Basketball courts to stay at Town Hall location. Mixed reviews on being convinced on the need for a Pump Track. There were concerns about signage to Wassaic Park and the public access to Borden Lane.
- **Paul closed with asking when all Participants would like to meet going forward** – Bimonthly meetings were in favor by all parties involved. (DEC, AWCO, Wassaic Project, HVA)

Next meeting is March 14, 2023, at 7pm at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted.

Nicole Ahearn