



TOWN OF AMENIA

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Amenia Recreation Commission Meeting – April 18, 2023

Town Hall: 7:00 p.m.

In Attendance:

- Committee Members: Pete McCaffrey, Paul Winter, Josh Simpson
- Rec Director: Katie Sterk-Grassi
- Rec Supervisor: Kelly Milano
- Town Board: Leo Blackman
- Participants: Clare Wegh – Ten Mile Water Shed, Michael Matts – Mid Hudson Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Business:

- **Minutes approved:** Feb 7th, 21st, 27th, March 21st
- **Recreation Director Report:**
 - **Programs/Events:**
 - Kids Circle starts Wednesday April 19th at 10am
 - Working with Maplebrook School for seniors. Saturday was the first day and only one person came to play bingo. This coming Saturday they will be going to Tally Ho to perform a play.
 - Tai Chi : About 5 people came the first week and then zero came the second week
 - Earth Day is April 22nd – Sports Swap
 - Community Day is May 13th 10-2pm – bringing Mexican Folklore Dance to bring more attention to her upcoming dance classes
 - Planning craft classes (most likely in June)
 - Awareness Walk for Seniors on May 20th (this is with Maplebrook)
 - Senior Picnic planned for July 29th
 - Adult Puzzle Day is April 24th at 1pm
 - Working on setting up rec basketball for 18 and up on Sundays
 - Working on free basketball clinics for kids
 - **Summer Camp:**
 - Only had one person interested in counselor position
 - Still no camp nurse
 - Career Fair was canceled at the school, discussing alternative ways to reach high schoolers for counselor recruitment.
 - **Additional Updates:**
 - Working on field use manual for people wanting to use the fields (they would need to sign off)
 - New basketball nets are going up
 - Mulch for playgrounds is ordered but no delivery date yet
 - **Budget:**
 - Currently projected to overrun the Amenia Park CE (maintenance) line item by \$3000 to \$5000. Katie provided history on-line item going back to

2020. The issue appears to be that the line item has been underfunded historically and overrun have occurred in prior years.

- Katie is monitoring and approving additional expenses and will work to minimize the overrun.
 - We'll have to make adjustments to this line item in the next budget submission.
- **Town Recreation mailer:** Proposed layout was approved for mailer
 - **Webutuck Little League**
 - The Little League officially donated the new batting cage to the Town of Amenia
 - Their efforts to fund-raise, purchase and install the new batting cage are appreciated by the recreation commission.
 - **Concession Stand:**
 - Discussed needed improvements to the Concession Stand at Beekman Park. Broke the updates into three areas:
 - i. Board of health requirements to open concession stand for baseball including sinks, countertops and mop drain.
 - ii. ADA Bathrooms
 - iii. Additional storage in the back.
 - Working on detailed pricing to implement items 1 and 3. Looking at Cell Tower Fund to pay for improvements.
 - **Local Waterfront Vitalization Program Grant** – Motion for Amenia Rec Commission to sign-on as a sponsor/stakeholder in Local Waterfront Vitalization Program. Motion passes. Commission will participate as the Grant moves forward. (Note: Town Board approval needed given funding match requirement)
 - **Master Plan & Landscape Architect Feedback**
 - Letter of intent from Wassiac Project on Church and Farm property use for recreation.
 - The DEC – 9 acres to the south of Wassaic Park has agreed to connect the property to Wassiac Park.
 - Pawling Corp land also under consideration.
 - Given the additional properties, the commission supports expanding the landscape architecture master plan scope to incorporate the new properties. – Jane's estimate is up-to additional 20 hours which would cost up-to \$3940.
 - Commission is supportive and will look at funding through the cell tower fund.

Next meeting is May 9, 2023, at 7pm at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted.

Peter McCaffrey, Secretary