

Village of Montebello Parks Commission Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2012

Attendees: Tony Piazza, Bob Congionti, Nick Altabrando, Robert Israel, Amy Rapoport and Warren Berbit, Esq.

Absent: Marlene Portnoy (new appointee)

Minutes: June 1, 2011 Tony /Robert I. and December 8, 2011 Bob C./Nick – minutes approved

Tony Piazza asked Amy Rapoport to take minutes for the board.
New member to the Parks Commission was appointed by the Mayor, Marlene Portnoy.

Bob C. made a recommendation to the VB that Howard Hochberg of 3 Senator Levy Drive be an alternate member for the commission.

Tony and Nick updated the commission on the recent VB meeting that they attended. Tony said that the least expensive option presented by AKRF was \$330,000 is 30% of the amount that was given to the PC for the ponds remediation.

There are 2 dams that have breaches and need to be fixed, there is no estimate for that work.

\$350,000 WAS REQUESTED FROM THE VB AND WAS APPROVED.

JMK may be liable for the dam breaches. A formal dam assessment is needed and AKRF should provide that assessment. Nick will speak with AKRF.

A permit from the DEC will be needed to do the dam repair. JMK still has an active permit, no closed permit has been found by AKRF.

There are questions:

1. Did the DEC signed off on the JMK permit as well as Martin Spence, P.E.?
2. Who is liable for the dam remediation?

AKRF stated that if the leaks are not fixed in the dams that pressure heads will not be done in the ponds so that the dams are not compromised.

Pond 1 and 2 will become marchlands.

Nick reported that STATE FUND SP4– sewer/hydraulic fund monies could be petitioned for against the excess of the net rates of run off in the ponds. This fund helps locate the source of nitrates causing pond scum. This process should help determine if there is too much nitrates.

If JMK's permit is still open, AKRF will use this permit if applicable to the needs of the future work.

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NICK STATED THAT HIS SON, AN EAGLE SCOUT AND HIS FRIENDS DISCUSSED WORK ON THE TRAILS AS A PROJECT FOR THEM TO DO. IT WAS SUGGESTED BY NICK THAT WE PROMOTE LOCAL STEWARDSHIP OF THE TRAILS TO GET THINGS ROLLING AND PEOPLE USING THE PARK, WHICH WILL THEN MOTIVATE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR FUND RAISING TO USE FOR THE ACCESSORIES FOR THE PARK. HIGH TRAIL WAS SUGGESTED TO START ON FIRST. AMY WILL CONTACT JEN SCHINDLER TO SEE IF SHE WOULD BE WILLING TO HELP WITH THE MARKETING OF THIS PROJECT. STUDENT CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION WAS MENTIONED AS ANOTHER ALTERNATIVE. PACE UNIVERSITY ENVIRONMENTAL WAS ALSO MENTIONED.

DO THE BASIC TRAIL WITH MULCH (FROM WOOD CHIPPING) KEEP IT SIMPLE. DISCUSSION OF BENCHES AND ACCESSORIES TO BE BOUGHT THROUGH FUND RAISING FOR "FRIENDS OF KGPP"
TONY MENTIONED THAT THE 2012 BUDGET

IS \$4300. MEETING ADJOURNED AT

8:45PM AMY/NICK. RESPECTFULLY

SUBMITTED BY AMY RAPOPORT