

Village of Montebello Parks Commission Meeting Minutes February 2, 2012

Attendees: Tony Piazza, Bob Congionti, Howard Hochberg (Alternate),
Marlene Portnoy (new appointee as of 1/12), Amy Rapoport,
Warren Berbit, Esq.

Absent: Nick Altebrando, Robert Israel

Minutes: January 5, 2012 were approved Tony Piazza/Bob Congionti, all in favor.

Dan Piccininni Eagle Scout attended tonight's meeting to find out if he can *use the water from the ponds* for mixing cement for the footings of the benches and if a generator for the power tools could be brought in a vehicle to use to build the benches. The security stanchions would have to be removed for entry and replaced each day.

Dan was asked to provide a sketch of the picnic table and bench repair and the design of the half circle tree bench. Dan stated he would have the drawing at the next meeting.

All work is pending a formal written request accompanied by drawings to then be approved by the Parks Commission and the Village Board.

Dan was asked if the Eagle Scouts could get involved with the Village Clean up day.

Tony Piazza welcomed the new members of the commission; Marlene Portnoy an appointee to The Board and Howard Hochberg as an alternate to The Board.

Tony thanked Warren Berbit for his legal work in getting JMK to take responsibility for the two leaks in the dams that the DEC wanted fixed.

JMK is working with Martin Spence Village Engineer and AKRF Engineers on the manor in which they will be repaired.

Warren Berbit brought Marlene and Howard up to speed on where we are today with the ponds. He stated the history of the work on the ponds by JMK and what the Parks Commission has worked on to date.

Tony Piazza also interjected information on the ponds water quality and the issues we have with algae and the expenses we've incurred and project to bring the ponds up to good quality.

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Tony will request from the Village the total amount of money in the "money in lieu of land" account.

Discussion: Phase I Martin Spence and Mathew Neilson Landscape Architects.

Fund Raising, create Friends of the Park or Friends of Kathryn Gorman Ponds Park?

Raise funds for benches, signs, plantings, labeling etc. Bob Congionti questioned whether or not it was appropriate or legal for us to create this group?

Sign for Warren E. Berbit Nature Preserve or Park, Amy Rapoport will get a quote from the sign maker.

We talked about getting email addresses from the community so that we would have better communication for what is going on in the parks and fund raising activities.

Tony requested that committee members see if one of their friends or neighbors in the village would be interested in starting the Friends of Kathryn Gorman Ponds Park .

Amy Rapoport brought that the newsletters from the village have less in them for a while in order for a request for emails be the main focus of the letter. An envelope for snail mail and the email address be included.

The Commission was in favor and Amy will send a sample to Tony of the request for emails.

Motion made at 8:40 by Tony to adjourn/ Bob Congionti second.

Respectfully submitted by :Amy Rapoport