

**TOWN OF GENESEE
PARK BOARD MEETING
MAY 21, 2019**

Park Board Chairman Hill called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Present were Park Board members Michaelis, Gibson, Werner, Gresser Hettwer and Meier. Also present were Town Board Supervisor Morris and Park Board Secretary Barb Whitmore.

Discussion/Action- Minutes of April 16, 2019 meeting

Werner made motion to approve, Michaelis seconded, motion carried.

Discussion of updating the Outdoor Recreation Plan - Jeff Herrmann

Administrator/Planner Jeff Herrmann explained to the Park Board the plans the town has to update the Outdoor Recreation Plan, the last time it was done was in 2004. The Town will be contracting with the County to work on the project. Herrmann told the Board he would like them to go through the report page by page and list their idea's for updating the report, adding and eliminating goals in the current report. The Town can no longer apply for DNR grants without the report being updated. The County will attend either the June or July Park Board meeting to go over the report. If they feel they'd like to do a survey that can be done. If anyone has any questions or thoughts on the report to feel free to call Herrmann at the town hall. Discussion.

Review of Park Bills

Review and discussion of the monthly bills paid.

Discussion/action – Request to use park for Memorial Day Service on May 26, 2019 – VFW Post 5270

This is a yearly request by the VFW to hold a Memorial Day Service at Town Park. Michaelis made motion to approve the use of the Town Park by the VFW Post 5270 on May 26th, Gibson seconded, motion carried.

Discussion/action – Request to use park for Car Show on July 21, 2019 – Wales-Genesee Lion's Club

The Lion's Club has again requested the park for a car show on July 21st, discussion. Michaelis made motion to approve the request of the Wales-Genesee Lions Club to use Town Park for a car show on July 21, 2019, Gibson seconded, motion carried.

Discussion/action – Request to use Town Park as rest stop for the MS Best Dam Bike Tour on August 3, 2019 - National Multiple Sclerosis Society

Discussion of the request which came in late this year and the Town Park pavilion was already rented. Discussion, the location of the port-o-potties was changed to the parking lot area and a sign will be posted at the entrance drive to the pavilion that there is a private party. A map of the location of where the port-o-potties should be placed will be sent with the rental paperwork. Michaelis made motion to allow the MS Bike tour to use Town Park as a stop on August 4th with a change in the port-o-potty location, Meier seconded, motion carried.

Representatives Liz and Don Friedlein and Jeff Schmittinger of the Genesee Athletic Association presented the Town with a check for \$2,000 for the parks.

Discussion/action – Request of the Wales-Genesee Lions Club and Genesee Rebels to put up Signage at the hard ball diamond of retired numbers of members of the Genesee hardball teams and Hall of Fame members.

Jim Gibson said the proposed banners would be on the outfield fencing, probably a plastic material. Proposals of what the signs/banners might look like sent shown to the board. The Lions/Rebels would place the signs/banners, maintain them and also own them. Discussion. Board members would like to see a banner to get a better idea of what they would look like and the size. This item was tabled until more information is available.

Sunset Park Review

Discussion/action – Sunset Park

Work to be done in 2019

The turf work needs to be done.

New trees – kinds and locations

Discussion of trees at Sunset Park and funds budgeted this year for trees. Since there was money left in the budgeted amount for cutting trees, stumps removal and tree purchase the Board felt the trees for Town Park should be purchased now rather than waiting. The tree's will be 2" diameter and placement will be 1 – by the playground, 4 – around the softball diamonds and 1- at the entrance to the recreation area. Michaelis made motion to purchase 6 trees and plant them, Meier seconded. The trees will be 2" in diameter and 12 to 14 feet tall. Motion carried.

Rock covers – order for spring installation

Will Gibson will be ordering these covers when he comes back, the money was budgeted for purchase this year.

Update on sign installation – location map

Signs will be installed when Will gets back.

Town Park Review

Discussion/action – Town Park

Work to be done in 2019

Some of the blue barrels need to be moved to the side of the buildings and the old diggers and fencing needs to be removed from the park. They are waiting on a bid for the warning track. Several members of the board stated they were concerned work was not getting done at the park. Michaelis felt the work force was not big enough.

Discussion of starting date for painting buildings

Hill talked to Matt from the Rebels about helping to paint the buildings, he needs to have the times. Discussion. The Board will look at paint samples at the June meeting.

Planting new trees

Discussed and acted on under Sunset Park.

Sand box, diggers and path to playground area – discussion of proposals

We have two (2) proposals, we will need to get one more for the path. The diggers have not been ordered yet.

Update on sign installation – location map

The signs should be up by next month's meeting.

Nature Center**Discussion/action – Nature Center**

Discussion of work to be done in 2019

Cut and clear path area's – discussion of proposals for costs

Hill reported they are looking for more quotes for the cutting, he had one that was about \$5,000 an acre, discussion.

Discussion of signage and wood chips for paths

After the area is clear cut the signs could be put up such as "you are here". Discussion of possibly getting an Eagle Scout to distribute the wood chips.

Update on Recreation Department - Dennis Michaelis

Michaelis reported he has four games a night scheduled during the week at Sunset and the games are not all scheduled yet at Town Park. There have also been many games canceled due to all the rain. He is concerned we do not have enough workers to handle all the work at the park plus the fields. A discussion followed on the number of part-time employees we had last year to the number we have this year. Two of the current employees will be available more hours once school is out. After reviewing the list of employees, they were questioning why there are 3 fewer workers this year. The Park Board felt they had done what was asked of them by the Town Board several years ago the park bring in revenue through the ball diamonds. The Park Board felt they have done that by re-working fields at Sunset, improving one of the diamonds for hard ball and renting to more teams. The fields are rented every night of the week. Further discussion.

Correspondence

Town Board Supervisor Jeff Schmittinger told the Park Board his neighbor has a 12x16 structure he is willing to donate to the town, he wondered if the parks could use it. The town would have to take it down and remove it, discussion.

Werner made motion to adjourn, Hettwer seconded, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Whitmore, WCMC
Park Board Secretary