

**TOWN OF GENESEE  
PARK BOARD MEETING  
MAY 18, 2021**

Chairman Ron Hill called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Present were Supervisors Vaughn Werner, Scott Hettwer, Jana Heinzlmann, Charlie Gresser and Dennis Michaelis. Also present were Town Board Supervisor Buck Houston, DPW Superintendent Will Gibson, and Park Board Secretary Barb Whitmore.

**Discussion/action – Park Board minutes of April 20, 2021**

Werner made motion to approve the minutes of April 20, 2021, Heinzlmann seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**Report on Parks – DPW Superintendent Will Gibson**

April and May d.p.w report

May 5, 2021

1. Baseball and soccer are well underway
2. Installed new septic tank razer at town park holding tank
3. First round of fertilizer and spraying have been done at Town park Sunset park and Townhall
4. The fields were rolled at both parks
5. Traded xmark in. Got bill to give us \$4,000 instead of \$3,500
6. Picked up new diesel 72-inch cut working well
7. Replaced foul line on 3ed base line big field
8. Mowing trimming in full swing
9. Warning tracks will be sprayed this week
10. Shelter rental is filling up
11. Looking in to soda machines to rent to put in both parks to try and generate more fund for parks

Gibson stated Jeff Schmittinger is looking into this, after discussion the Park Board felt he should only look into this for Sunset Park, not Town Park as the Lions and Rebels sell during games and this would take away from their sales.

12. Bleacher pads at sunset park will be getting poured this month
13. I am looking into costs on some small shelters at sunset park

Gibson is looking into some small shelters for the parks, possibly we buy the lumber, pour the slab and set the 4 posts and someone build the roof. Hill has called in for prices from several places that install them.

14. The new mix at sunset is working well no rain outs on that field yet two rain outs on other fields so far
15. We have been tagged (graffiti) twice so far at sunset park. we have been able to clean up

Gibson stated Sunset has been hit several times, inside bathrooms and pavilion buildings. He has asked the Sheriff's department to patrol the parks more often. Sunset Park is active all night, burn outs being done in the parking lot. Discussion, it was felt the Town Board should reconsider locking Sunset Park at night, there is concern about someone or several cars going over the soccer and baseball fields doing burn outs, it would cost a lot to repair that type of damage.

16. Batters up boxes on big field have been smooth over and seeded and grass is growing

17. The leach field at town park has been smoothed over and seeded and grass is growing
18. Socker field at sunset park has been seeded
19. High powered line has been cleared cut in there right of way at sunset park by them

A. completion Date for Nature Center

Gibson did not have a date for but felt it would be by the end of the year. Discussion of Ten Chimneys taking the area over.

B. Entrance Sign at Nature Center

Houston is looking into a new sign for the Nature Center

**Update on funds in the park pavilion account, donation accounts and public site account**

Gibson told the Board they have \$12, 678.80 in the public site funds, there is also \$156,958 in the park pavilion contingency fund. Discussion on how these accounts are funded. There was a lengthy discussion on the money in the pavilion fund and if and how to spend it. The main concern at the Sunset Park diamonds is foul balls; a shelter, netting something is needed.

Discussion on volunteers helping build/install playground equipment and buildings. Gibson will look into the legality of doing this.

**Start budget 2022 discussion**

Gibson asked the members to come up with things they would like to see done at the parks next summer that need to be budgeted for next year. Several things brought up were pickle ball court, a walking path around Town Park, Hill said there would be engineering costs this maybe something we could apply for a CBDG grant. Gibson asked they bring their suggestions to the next meeting so it can be finalized and to Meri by July.

**Pickle Ball Court**

Gresser had gotten 2 quotes, these are ball park figures as there are no specifics done at this time.

Frank Armstrong - \$27,600

Stark – somewhere between \$40,000 and \$50,000

**Fencing and Concrete for Hardball Diamond**

They want to put fencing and concrete areas by the in front of the dugouts for protection for the ball players in the dugout areas. The Genesee Athletic Association will be paying for all or part of this.

**Update on Recreation Department – Dennis Michaelis**

Michaelis reported the soccer season is going on now. The rec. baseball will start June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Correspondence**

The VFW would like to donate two trees for Sunset Park. After discussion it was agreed they would like them planted near the playground area. Gibson will be working with them on this.

Werner made motion to adjourn, Hettwer seconded, motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara A. Whitmore, WCMC  
Park Board Secretary