

BOUGHTON PARK
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
ZOOM Meeting – February 11, 2021

Members in attendance: David Damaske, Ann Borgstrom, Bill Travis, Jeff Martin, Lisa Roberts, Sue Stehling, Claudia Walsh, Jim Wieboldt, Chauncey Young

Others: Frank Fessner (Town of East Bloomfield), Jay Mitchell (Town of East Bloomfield), Matt McDonald (Park Security), Judy Rosenbauer (local resident), Glenn Cooke (Board Secretary)

President David Damaske called the February 11, 2021 Zoom meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

In its review of the January minutes, Ann Borgstrom noted that the Section reporting on Election of Officers should be corrected. The Board had elected Claudia Walsh as Vice President, not Bill Travis. Glenn Cooke indicated that he would amend the minutes accordingly.

On Resolution of Bill Travis, seconded by Jeff Martin.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the January 14, 2021 meeting be approved with the above amendment. Resolution carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT/PAYMENT OF BILLS

Treasurer Ann Borgstrom reviewed the January 2021 Financial Report. Total liabilities and equity amounted to \$88, 166.51. She also reviewed the profit and Loss Statement for the month. Further, Ann reported on credits received from Casella Waste Management and bills from United Rentals.

On Resolution of Chauncey Young, seconded by Claudia Walsh.

RESOLVED that the Financial Report be approved and that bills be paid. Resolution carried unanimously.

Ann noted that the outhouse on Stirnie Road had been tipped over. Dave Damaske said that he would take care of this problem.

Mr. Damaske asked the Board if they wish to continue a contractual relationship with Jerrod Knickerbocker for grass cutting on the Park's dams. The cost will be \$2,900 for five mowing visits, the same as the previous two years. Mr. Damaske felt that Mr. Knickerbocker has been doing an excellent job and that it was important for the Board to take immediate action on the contract as the contractor needs to arrange insurance.

On Resolution of Bill Travis, seconded by Claudia Walsh.

RESOLVED that a contract with Mr. Knickerbocker for grass mowing in 2021 be approved, not to exceed \$2,900. Resolution carried unanimously.

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OTHER BUSINESS

- **Dogs** – The Board discussed an issue with a dog that had bit at least two people at the Park. The owner has been told to keep the dog on a leash. Signs have been posted advising people to keep their dogs on a leash or leave the dogs at home. It was hoped that the recent incident with dog bites was an isolated event but the Board also acknowledged that more restrictions may need to be employed if necessary.
- **Johns** – Mr. Damaske noted that a new restroom building was on site and Scott Kimball from the Town of East Bloomfield will have his crew install it with timing dependent upon the weather. The Town of Victor will assist.
- **Beavers** – Mr. Damaske has consulted with a trapper. Any action will have to wait until the ice and snow dissipates.
- **Trees** – Matt McDonald noted that some trees near the East pond need attention along with just a few near the Boughton Road entrance. He had taken care of some pines with a chainsaw. But the Park’s trees are generally in good shape after extensive work last year to remove dangerous trees. He also noted that he has talked to Woody Clark about harvesting some walnut trees at the top of the Park.
- **Brochures** – Claudia Walsh reported that Park brochures have been printed.
- **Arbor Day** – Chauncey Young inquired about the Board’s interest in doing something for Arbor Day. David Damaske spoke about the cost of trees and the need for sleeves to protect young trees from the deer. It was noted that there are sleeves stores in one of the boathouses. Mr. McDonald explained that a potential issue with deer depends on the location where trees are planted. He also reported on conversations he has had with a South Bristol nursery regarding process of various size trees. Claudia Walsh expressed her desire to see more hummingbirds at the Park. After further discussion of possible options for tree plantings, it was decided that various members would do additional research. The Board will also consult with Woody for his recommendations. The Board will revisit the tree planting topic at its March meeting.
- **Memorial Dock** – The Board spoke with Judy Rosenbauer about her interest in installing a dock in memory of her late husband, Mike. There was discussion of potential problems with a new dock given the work on the dams which may dramatically change the pond levels. It was suggested that the dock be delayed until the Board has more information about pond levels. Members suggested that Mrs. Rosenbauer may wish to consider other alternatives such as an observation deck like the one at Lehigh Crossing Park in the Town of Victor. Mrs. Rosenbauer stated that she would look at alternatives and return to the Board at a later date.
- **Dams** – Mr. Travis and Mr. Damaske noted that they had not received any feedback yet from the Towns regarding the dams. Mr. Fessner explained that the towns are waiting to hear back from NYSDEC regarding a meeting. Jay Mitchell noted that The Town of East Bloomfield has put significant funds aside in anticipation of work needed on the Park dams. There has been no progress relative to securing Federal assistance. Mr. Travis reported that the Town of West Bloomfield expects a 2% loss in revenues.
- **Security** – Mr. McDonald explained that there has been a report of a dog in distress at one of the ponds, but the victim turned out to be a duck. Mr. Fessner explained that the Town of East Bloomfield has a dog ordinance that can be utilized if there are any other dog related issues at the park.

Adjournment

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On Resolution by Bill Travis, seconded by Chauncey Young.

RESOLVED that the meeting be closed.

Resolution approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Submitted by Glenn Cooke

NEXT PARK BOARD MEETING

**Thursday, March 11, 2021
Victor Town Hall or Zoom Meeting
7:00 P.M.**