

PARKS, RECREATION, AND CONSERVATION BOARD

FEBRUARY 25TH MINUTES

Date: **February 25, 2025 – The Stable, 7:30pm**

Attendance: **Present:** R. Brooks, F. Mortimer, L. Kloak, V. VanDyke, K. Heighnhton, D. Sayles, J. Morgan, D. Sayles, S. Antine

Absent: M. Micale, J. Buckley, N. Bigos

Also Present: Office Assistant, M. Hefferan

Public Comment & Correspondence: Public comments (Not to Exceed 3 Minutes per Person – 40 Minutes in Total)
No public comment.

Minutes: **Minutes for January 2025.** Approved with motions by L. Kloak, V. VanDyke made a second motion. All in favor.

Liaison Reports Village Council – F. Mortimer

- F. Mortimer shared the last budget meeting will be held on Thursday, February 27th. The Parks & Recreation budget received good support.

Board of Ed – M. Micale- absent

- R. Brooks shared notes he received from M. Micale. The Ridgewood Public Schools are looking to establish an intermural program. They are working on the rain gardens and plan on having them at Ridge, Willard, Vets and Stevens fields. Travell school will have a meadow installed.

Open Space Committee – D. Sayles

- D. Sayles shared Alex Pastore became a new member of Open Space. The town garage should take 2 years to clean up. They will have a booth at the Daffodil Festival and Earth Day Fair.

Fields Committee – R. Brooks

- R. Brooks shared the spring sports scheduled are complete on Master Library. Construction and improvements on the existing fields has happened. Vets field lighting is in progress. January meeting is usually a meet and greet. Spring schedules should be ready and any program adjustments were discussed.

Shade Tree Commission – J. Buckley

- Absent – no report.

Green Ridgewood – V. VanDyke

- No report.

Community Center Advisory Board – L. Kloak

- L. Kloak shared “Lunch and Learn” will be launching on April 22nd. The staffing model is being reviewed for the Community Center.

Project Pride – N. Bigos- *absent*

- J. Morgan shared new planters will be purchased. They are deciding what type of plants to have in the new planters. Project Pride is looking for a new name, all suggestions are welcome.

Healthbarn

S. Antine:

S. Antine shared the lease has been renewed. The terms of the lease were renegotiated.

S. Antine would like to install a public orchard or an organic forest at Habernickel Park. J. Morgan approved to accept the concept of the gift of the Orchard at Habernickel and D. Sayles made a second motion. All in favor.

Parks-Update:

R. Brooks shared Women’s Gardners donated a stone bench which will be installed in the grass area between the Ridgewood Library and Village Hall.

Recreation:

R. Brooks handed out the winter recreation brochure. The job fair is Wednesday, March 12th. The Daffodil Festival/Earth Day Fair is April 27th.

New Business:

NYNJ Trail Conference/Proposal
Fee structure waiting on BOE

Next Meeting

Tuesday, March 25, 2025, Stable at 7:30pm

Adjournment

8:58pm