

## Ridgewood Fields Committee Minutes

March 4, 2025 – 8:00 am 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl. Conference Room Ed. Center/ ZOOM

**Attendees: IN PERSON** – N. Bigos, G. D’Andrea, D. Wilde, R. Matthews, D. Smith, E. Sudol, A. Pollick, J. Yohana, T. Hartigan, K. Kazmark, Y. McCollom, L. Deighan, R. Lasky, P. Coopersmith, P. Holmes, S. Winograd, M. Hefferan  
**ZOOM** - R. Brooks, M. Micale, D. Manmering, C. Fisher P. Thomas, M. Sullivan, C. Holt, ML Handy, C. O’Keefe, A. Loving, B. Loving, A. McCambridge

### I. Roll Call

RECOGNIZED GROUPS IN ATTENDANCE-Ridgewood Baseball and Softball Assoc., Ridgewood Soccer, Ridgewood Jr. Football, Hoops Club Basketball, Maroons Club Soccer, Ridgewood Parks and Recreation Department, Ridgewood Community School, Member at Large, Village Council Liaison, Board of Ed Liaison

ABSENT- Rebels Basketball, Biddy Basketball, Ridgewood Jr. Wrestling, Ridgewood Roller Hockey, Ridgewood Lacrosse Assoc.

### II. Approval of Minutes-February 4, 2025

1<sup>st</sup> – P. Thomas, 2<sup>nd</sup> – S. Winograd, Minutes approved by all.

### III. Public Comment

None

### IV. Water Main Replacement / E. Glen

Y. McCollom-Representative from the Ridgewood Water Department explained the water main replacement will begin mid-march and will reach the Glen School at the end of the month. The Water Department will send out detour maps and access to the Glen School will not be impacted. The construction will take place during school hours so bus transportation will not be impacted.

### V. RHS Spring/Summer Special Events

N. Bigos-RBSA Opening Day Parade April 26, Lax Day April 27, Maroons Tournament June 13, 14 & 15.

E. Sudol- Pawlowski Relays April 5

### VI. Sports Committee Member Report

RBSA

S. Muller-Baseball teams will not be using Hawes fields until May, RBSA will be seeking out quotes to improve the Upper Hawes baseball diamond. The netting will be installed at the Vets field 60/90 diamond this week.

Netting will be going up at the batting cages this weekend. RBSA Opening Day Parade begins at 9am and the festivities continue at Veterans Field. Varsity baseball and softball games will be taking place until 2:30pm.

RLA- No report

RJFA-No report

RSA-T. Hartigan-Making preparations for the fall season, 1000 participants in 2024, 90 teams that include youth, HS, adult and special needs.

Maroons-C. Fisher-Finalizing the schedule for spring, will not schedule on Hawes to give that field a chance to set. Asked about the possible use of Orchard Field? All portable light towers are past their service life some still operate and he will have a plan of replacement after the next Maroons meeting.

Hoops-P. Thomas- They are finishing up the travel season. This year they had a record number of boys playing. Glen School gym is used for youth players because the baskets can be lowered.

### VII. Field Project Updates

Veterans Field Lighting

K. Kazmark- Stated the first phase poles are installed. The second phase poles will be delivered soon and final install to be completed sometime this spring season.

BF Field Renovation

D. Smith- Met with the architects and they are reviewing the drawings to make sure they include all that is required on the field and he will update at the next meeting.

South Pleasant Park/Hawes

N. Bigos- Thanked all groups for their cooperation in staying off the field and giving the grass time to take root.  
S. Winograd- Expressed her gratitude to all who made it possible for the transformation of Orchard and Hawes fields into splendid playing surfaces.

**VIII. Spring Facility Maintenance**

Portable Restrooms

K. Cook-Portable restrooms are located at Somerville, Kenilworth, Brookside, BF, Glen and Bellair. Four are located at RHS Stadium. One will be at Veterans field until the permanent restrooms are open.

Fencing Veterans Field

K. Cook-Will be using the same fencing they have in the past. Fencing will be installed on the NW field and the 90' diamond just prior to the 24<sup>th</sup>.

N. Bigos-Requested that these plans be coordinated with the Parks Supervisor.

BB SB Fields Elementary Schools

L. Deighan- Met with Tri County and they will be smoothing out the fields, rebuilding the baseball diamonds. TruGreen will begin fertilizing and aerating the fields.

**IX. New Program Requests**

No new requests

**X. RASA – Application for Recognized Group – Progress Report**

P. Coopersmith-RASA has answered a third set of questions from the IRS concerning the request to become a 501c3 and will have an update soon.

T. Hartigan-Questioned why RASA went ahead with becoming a recognized group when RSA offered to sponsor them? After much back and forth it was suggested that representatives meet after to discuss this issue privately.

**XI. New Business**

S. Winograd-Met with the RHS Green Team to see a presentation that they put together to improve the trash cans, increase their number and add recycling cans at Veterans Field. They will be presenting at the next meeting. They are looking for feedback and funds for this project.

K. Kazmark-Matrix has submitted the soil testing report at Schedler and the results will be shared at tomorrow nights Village Council meeting. The archeological study is complete, the DEP will have a site visit to confirm if there are wetlands on the property.

K. Kazmark-The Town Garage property remediation will continue through mid fall to early winter. Soil testing results based on that recommendation will determine what the property will become.

K. Kazmark-By March 28 a "Letter of Intent "will be submitted to the BCOS for a Citizens Field Grant Application for upgrading the facilities at Citizens Field.

K. Cook-Grass fields need to rotate the design of the fields to provide a better playing surface in the future. He thanked Damian for his help in fixing the bleachers in the gym.

K. Cook-Recognized the many accomplishments of the RHS athletes over the past two weeks. He thanked all who supported these athletes and programs.

**XII. Next Meeting Date-April 1, 2025; 8:00 am, In person, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, Ed Center/ZOOM**

**Motion for Adjournment**

1<sup>st</sup> – T. Hartigan, 2<sup>nd</sup> – B. Lasky, 9:17 am adjourned