

# PARKS, RECREATION, AND CONSERVATION BOARD

## MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup> MINUTES

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

Attendance: **Present:** R. Brooks, F. Mortimer, L. Kloak, V. VanDyke, K. Heighngton, J. Buckley, D. Sayles, J. Morgan

**Absent:** M. Micale

**Also Present:** Director, N. Bigos, Office Assistant, M. Hefferan

**Public:** Lauren Jester

Public Comment &  
Correspondence:

Public comments (Not to Exceed 3 Minutes per Person – 40 Minutes in Total)

No public comment.

Lauren Jester resides near Habernickel Park and she would like to start the conversation regarding other portable or permanent lighting at Habernickel Park.

R. Brooks shared there aren't any plans for lights at Habernickel at this time.

N. Bigos shared the light towers are now obsolete.

Minutes: **Minutes for February 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 all council meetings have been related to the 2025 budget. The council has approved two ordinances, one of them prohibits skateboards and ebikes in the downtown area. The second ordinance prohibits animal feeding on public and private property.

Board of Ed – M. Micale- absent

- R. Brooks shared Hawes School has installed a rain barrel.

Open Space Committee – D. Sayles

- D. Sayles shared there is no update on Schedler. J. Bostler sent an email to the Village Manager, K. Kazmark to increase the Open Space tax from .5 cents to 1 cent.

Fields Committee – R. Brooks

- R. Brooks shared that it has been a year since Master Library has been introduced. Next meeting is next Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at the BOE Center.

Shade Tree Commission – J. Buckley

- J. Buckley reported that she was absent from the last meeting but K. Heightington was present. K. Heightington shared they had conversations about Daffodil D/Earth Day Fair, tree sanctuary and possibly a sapling sanctuary. They discussed the type of shrubs to plant by the train station.

Green Ridgewood – V. VanDyke

- V. VanDyke shared they discussed what was presented to the Village Council, community energy grants, leaf blowers, daffodil festival and Ridgewood student report from tree grant team. They want to introduce CCLS conservation and energy savings in the curriculum. Super Science Saturday was a success.

Community Center Advisory Board – L. Kloak

- L. Kloak shared they are hoping “Lunch and Learn” will be attracting additional people.

Ridgewood Beautification Team – J. Morgan

- N. Bigos shared the new name for Project Pride is Ridgewood Beautification Team. They will be replacing new planters in the CBD. May 17<sup>th</sup> will be the official planting date within the Village.

Proposed Fee  
Schedule:

N. Bigos shared the presentation is tabled until next month.

Parks Update:

N. Bigos shared:  
Habernickel pavilion is almost complete.  
Phase 2 of lighting at Vets, waiting on PSE&G for the electric service upgrade. The poles have been delivered.  
S. Pleasant Park fencing was removed by children and re-installed by Parks Division.  
NYNJ Trail Conference, complaints about our trails being in need of maintenance. N. Bigos met with the NYNJ Trail Conference and they gave a proposal and the \$8,600.00 proposal was able to be funded by the public.

BCOS Grant:

N. Bigos shared that the proposed BCOS grant application at Citizens Park will be renovated with new fencing, dugouts with shade and two sets of bleachers for spectators.

Recreation:

N. Bigos shared the brochures have been mailed out. The job fair was a huge success. Daffodil Day/Earth Day Fair is slated for Sunday, April 27, 2025.

New Business:

Free badges at Graydon for First Responders  
PRC Board last meeting at the Pavillion

Next Meeting

Tuesday, April 22, 2025, 7:30pm

Adjournment

9:17pm