

PARKS, RECREATION, AND CONSERVATION BOARD

MAY 27th MINUTES

Date: **May 27, 2025, 2025 – The Stable, 7:30pm**

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

Absent: M. Micale, D. Sayles

Also Present: Director, N. Bigos, Office Assistant, D. Kat

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

Minutes: **Minutes for April 2025.** Approved with motions by L. Kloak, J. Buckley made a second motion. All in favor.

Liaison Reports Village Council – F. Mortimer

- F. Mortimer shared that the new signs for Bees USA have been posted. The Budget Public Hearing was held last week. At tomorrow night's meeting the referendum for Open Space will be added for increasing the tax from .5 cents to 1 cent. He discussed the expanding of the pickleball courts with the Village Council and Engineering is checking to see if this is possible.

Board of Ed – M. Micale - absent

- R. Brooks shared the BOE accepted a \$75,000.00 Local Recreation Improvement Grant for the RPS proposed Basketball Fund.

Open Space Committee – D. Sayles- absent

Fields Committee – R. Brooks

- R. Brooks shared the committee discussed that there has been a lot of public comments around matters that are not in the Fields Committee jurisdiction. RSA will have a soccer tournament on June 14th and 15th.

Shade Tree Commission – J. Buckley

- J. Buckley reported the Shade Tree Commission had conversations about Adopt a Sapling, they received over 100 requests. They handed out 200 whips at the Daffodil Festival. The tree ordinance was approved. The 1000 tree initiative was discussed. She shared that they asked for an intern from Engineering to aid them in an analysis of the streets that have narrow easements for planting.

Green Ridgewood – V. VanDyke

- V. VanDyke shared that most of the meeting they discussed the success of the Daffodil Festival.

Community Center Advisory Board – L. Kloak

- L. Kloak shared that the successful Ridgewood Run was a huge success, Community Center hosted a water station. The second Lunch and Learn was held today and it was another enjoyable event. Future dates for September (Community Center month), October (Book month) and December will be released soon. Senior bagel breakfast will be Saturday, May 31st but because of the weather it will most likely be held on Sunday, June 1st. They are still looking for a Treasurer.

Ridgewood Beautification Team – J. Morgan

- J. Morgan shared the RBT planted 68 containers, 58 new ones. We had 25 volunteers and were done in 2 hours. The goal for the remainder of the year is to purchase pots for the Westside.

Parks Update:	<p>N. Bigos updated that the concrete flooring has been poured at the Pavilion. The next step will be for the Signal department installing the overhead lighting.</p> <p>N. Bigos shared the lighting at Vets field has been delivered and the poles for the girls' soccer team will be getting installed this week.</p> <p>N. Bigos shared Pleasant Park has been open since April 28th.</p> <p>N. Bigos shared that the NYNJ Trail Conference will be voted on at tomorrow night's Village Council meeting.</p>
Rain Garden Projects:	<p>N. Bigos shared that Grace Church for the installation of rain gardens have volunteered at Habernickel and Graydon pool.</p>
PRC/Board Mtg:	<p>R. Brooks shared the next PRC meeting will be held at on Tuesday, June 24th at the Gatehouse, 6:30pm for a garden tour and dinner.</p>
Park Walks:	<p>N. Bigos shared the next park walk is scheduled for June 7th at the Sensory Garden. The June 14th walk has been canceled.</p>
New Business:	<p>N. Bigos requested for the PRC Board to review the Pavilion fees. The board had conversations about the Pavilion fees.</p>
Next Meeting	<p>Tuesday, September 23, 2025, 7:30pm</p>
Adjournment	<p>9:00pm</p>