

**PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes**  
**March 3, 2009**

A meeting of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee was called to order on March 3, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in Sherrillbrook Park. Those present were: Bill Bonsted, Lorraine Garfinkel, Peggy Brady, John D'Amore, and Mike Jeffery.

Mike Jeffery began the meeting by introducing Karri Eaton who is considering being on the committee. He then reviewed the Rec Center revenues, which have increased from 2007 to 2008. He reviewed a budget comparison from the year 2006 to 2008. Included in the operational costs were National Grid costs. This showed the electric bill has gone down. He stated the lighting project payback is on course.

Mike Jeffery then began a discussion on the problems at the Rayhill Trail with geese. A brochure will be available at the entrance information board. A sign will also be put up educating trail users about the geese, and what to do.

The next topic was the Rec Center Capital Project. Mike Jeffery reviewed all items and what was actually expended. There is still \$21,206 remaining. The roof at the Rec Center is in need of major repair. Mike Jeffery has contacted contractors. Andy Alesia suggested contacting McDonald & Montrose Architects. Their quote was \$3,975. They will advise the best way to repair it, and they will include alternatives. When weather permits they will begin. The funds for their evaluation and recommendations will come from the capital project.

Upcoming projects are The Veterans Memorial Park, the dog park and trail work. The Highway Department will be helping with the Veterans Memorial Park. Bill Bonsted stated people have been asking him about when the fountain will be put in. Mike Jeffery stated the fountain has been purchased and it is part of phase III of the project. The dog park will open in spring and for a short period will be free to try then a registration with fees will be implemented. The Animal Control Office will be moving up to the park, which will help in the registration process.

The New York Mills Fireman's Park was then discussed. Mike Jeffery stated they met to discuss an easement agreement. He is waiting to hear back from them. The DEC was contacted regarding the Chenango Ave. access. They had no significant concerns, but it still can't be developed. It is reasonable that within two years it could be delisted.

The summer programs were then discussed. Mike Jeffery stated Higby Road will now be grades K-3 and 4-6 will be at the Jr. High. The Jr. high pool will be utilized for swim lessons due to construction at the high school. The school is allowing senior swim on Sundays at the high school. The summer flyer will be in the April issue of the Town Crier. Mike Jeffery then reviewed the playground trip schedule. He reviewed the visitor pass, which is limited to two weeks and must be residing with a New Hartford resident.

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Mike then advised the committee that the Sidewalk Committee would be meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup>. A comprehensive plan has been adopted. He briefly reviewed the stages of the project. Kellogg Road has been identified as the first area of concern. Mike then reviewed the summer concert schedule.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Maureen Owens