

PITTSFORD PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES: April 11, 2024
Spiegel Community Center, Room 206

Board Members Present: Steve Denaker, Karen McCready, Phil Bleeker, Jessie Hollenbeck (Recreation Director), Ben McCormick, Bill Beach, Naveen Havannavar (Pittsford Town Board Liaison),

Board Members Absent: Rick Taylor, Christyn Musso-Albanese, Pam Cooper-Vince, Trish Gerace, Mike Pascucci

Guest: Jess Neal, Parks Foreman

The Pittsford Parks & Recreation Advisory Board held a meeting in the Spiegel Community Center, Room 206.

CHAIRMAN, STEVE DENAKER:

- Opened the meeting at 6:34 PM
- February meeting minutes could not be approved due to no quorum and moved to May.

PARKS FOREMAN, JESS NEAL:

- Renovations to Canal dock behind Library completed
- Working on Great Embankment Park pollinator garden
- A Gaga pit is being installed at the Spiegel Community Center with the help of a local Eagle Scout. The Scout has set up a go-fund-me page to raise funds for the Pit. Jessie H. will send this committee the link to the fundraiser.
- Library patio: restoring underway with benches, adding a bike rack and plants
- Trail resurfacing happening at Wessex/Roxbury, Thornell Farm Park, Bay Colony and Oak Meadow trails to TFP, Bromsgrove/Sunrise
- Tree removal will be taking place at Port of Pittsford of old, big, diseased tree
- Town bathroom facilities are now open for the season
- Diamond fields opened April 1; rectangle fields open by May 1
- Parks seasonal positions all filled but one (gardener for Kings Bend and Library)
- Canal boating season opens mid-May
- If outdoor field lights are left on at TFP after sports games, call Jessie. Teams are meant to let the Recreation Department know when they don't need the lights.
- Coventry Ridge Sub-division Comments
 - Eliminate the grass pond access road behind the houses
 - Connect east and west pond access roads to the Gordon trail
 - Extend the eastern pond access road to Coventry to make a trail connection, thus making a nice loop around the large pond

RECREATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE – JESSIE HOLLENBECK

- Summer program contracts have been approved
- New programs include a Pollinator Garden Tour, and Pickleball lessons (provided by Empire Tennis Academy)
- Paddle and Pour is scheduled for Saturday, May 25. Asking Advisory Board to sign up to volunteer at the Town table. Please send email to Jessie H. to volunteer.
- Concert Series starts June 7
- Outdoor movies to continue at Sutherland HS
- Trout Derby, in conjunction with Rotary, is May 11
- Summer Camp is full with a waitlist
- Summer Camp hiring is going well. There will be about 8-12 new hires
- Memorial Day Parade is May 27
- Senior program lunches (MWF) has an increase in attendees
- A few new sponsorships this year for Town events

TOWN BOARD UPDATE – NAVEEN HAVANNAVAR

- Naveen spoke with Mike Yudelson and Howard Maffucci about keeping restrooms at Powder Mill Park open year round
- Naveen will ask to include funds for year-round bathroom maintenance at Thornell Farm Park (TFP) to the next Town budget
- Pittsford Oaks
 - 175 apartments proposed by Daniele Family Companies
 - There is public concerns around traffic
 - Town Board public meeting is this Tuesday, April 16, 6 p.m. Pittsford Oaks will be on the agenda. Public comments are encouraged

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM. Next Meeting May 9, 2024 @ 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen McCready, PRAB Member