

**TOWN OF GENESEE
PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MAY 3, 2022**

Chairman Ron Hill called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Park Board members Jana Heinzelmann, Scott Hettwer, Kevin Mickelberg and Dennis Michaelis. Also present were DPW liaison Mike Berg and Park Board Secretary Barb Whitmore. Park Board member Charlie Gresser and Town Board Supervisor Charlie Ross was absent.

Discussion/action – Approval of Park Board minutes of April 6, 2022

Michaelis made motion to approve the minutes, Heinzelmann seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Report on Parks from DPW Liaison Mike Berg

5/2/2022

PARKS Report April and may 2022

- 1 Fixed door on Side A Sunset Park kitchen.
- 2.Fixed men's toilet - was running.
- 3.Started baseball and soccer (wet).
- 4.Started fertilizing fields both park and Town Hall.
5. Worked on pavilion cost. Cleary \$118,127.00 Morton \$99,939.00 plus elc \$33,536.00
Berg stated the town received two bids, reviewing the bids. Discussion.
6. Bought two nail drags.
Mickelberg stated he had all the Park employees take a training class on line, they all have been certified through Groundkeepers University. They learned a lot through the course and have corrected the way they do the gill and chain work on the ball diamonds; we were doing the gilling work way too deep. The change has made improvements to the diamonds, the fields are kept more solid and there is no longer a lip. The new nail drags can be pulled behind the x-mark. These are doing a better job and are a time saver.
7. Had water put in to Lion'sClub for wetting the field.
A water source was added to the Lions Club building, they will now be able to water the Rebels field that will help with the maintenance.
- 8.Both parks had water test and passed.
- 9.Ordered and received chalk and field dry.
- 10.Waiting on field rolling until dries up.
- 11 Dugout too wet.
- 12.Parks are open and running fine.
- 13.Build and drag for Rebel field.
- 14.Both batting cages are up.

Discussion of bid for the Baseball pavilion at Sunset Park

Further discussion of the baseball pavilion. A straw vote was taken and all Park Board members agreed they would prefer the Morton bid acceptance.

Update on pickle ball courts

The pickle ball courts at Town Park should be moved a little with asphalt for 2 courts and possible future courts. Because the courts are changed from Sunset Park to Town Park the cost for the asphalt work that was on the roadwork bid will change by about plus \$15,000, discussion.

It was also questioned if the town may start a pickleball league, discussion.

Update on dugouts at Town Park

Berg reported with the rain, they have done no work on the dugouts. He stated they feel an engineer needs to be involved in this, it is no longer a simple project, the whole project has blown up in scope and cost. Discussion of hiring an engineering to move the water, the job is basically starting from scratch for the dugout. Hill asked if anyone knew of an engineer we could work with, discussion. Hill would like to meet with Charlie Gresser, Jacob Heinzelmann and Matt DeMarais of the Rebels to discuss the dugouts.

Discussion of information from Park Board members regarding the development of a Park-Rec page for the Town website

Discussion of what should be on the town's webpage regarding our parks. Hill asked members to take some pictures of the park activities and bring to next month's meeting.

Update on Recreation Department – Dennis Michaelis

Michaelis reported the season has started and the ball diamonds are busy. The Lasers are holding a tournament this year. The town's little league will start the first week of June. Soccer was rained out this past Saturday, discussion of the fields.

Michaelis was asked to call Will or Mike if a field set-up was needed on the week-end.

Correspondence

Hill read into the minutes, a letter of resignation from Jim Gibson -

The time has come for me to step down from the Park Board. Times have changed. I feel our voices are no longer heard the way they once were. I find it frustrating when we talk about and work on projects for months and even years just to have our efforts go nowhere.

I would like to thank all of the board members past and present that I have served with over the years. Especially Ron Hill for his many years as chairman. An extra special thanks to Dennis for many years of tireless efforts as rec director. Without people like him our park would not be possible.

I look forward to enjoying our parks for many years to come and wish you all the best.

Sincerely,
Jim Gibson

The VFW will hold a Memorial Day service at Town Park on Monday, May 29, asking the park employees make sure the electricity works near the canon.

Heinzelmann made motion to adjourn, Hettwer seconded, motion approved unanimously, meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara A. Whitmore, WCMC
Park Board Secretary