

THE RENSSELAER PARK BOARD / RENSSELAER PARK CORPORATION PUBLIC MEETING

THE RENSSELAER PARK BOARD / PARK CORPORATION HELD A PUBLIC MEETING ON MONDAY DECEMBER 7th, 2015 AT THE RENSSELAER PUBLIC LIBRARY LOCATED ON SUSAN ST. AT 7:00 pm. PRESIDENT MIKE MANIS CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE PUBLIC MEETING ON DECEMBER 7th 2015 ARE AS FOLLOWS; PRESIDENT MICHAEL MANIS, STACE PICKERING, THOMAS EFFINGER, SCOTT BARTON, CONNIE KINGMAN, BILL WORNHOFF, AND BRAD COZZA.

OTHERS PRESENT AT THE PUBLIC MEETING ON DECEMBER 7th 2015 ARE AS FOLLOWS; ROBERT SCHENK, KRISTEN ZIESE, FRIEDA BRETZINGER, LINDA DEMOSS, KATHY PARKINSON, TIM SHREGG, BILL MANIS, RON SHEFFLER, RICH BAUNAACH, KYLER LAIRD, MAYOR STEVEN WOOD ASHLEY HOPP, RICHARD COMINGORE, LINDA COMINGORE, LESLIE MUSCH, JANEL MUSCH, JENNIFER VANWEIN, CAITLIN SIEVERS WITH THE RENSSELAER REPUBLICAN, JULIE KOZAN, CHRIS PORTER, ED DUMAS, DAVE STADDON, LUCY BRUCE WHITAKER, AND SUPERINTENDENT JOSEPH G. EFFINGER.

PRESIDENT MICHAEL MANIS OPENED THE MEETING BY WELCOMING ALL THE GUEST TO THE MEETING AND INTRODUCED THE MEMBERS OF THE PARK BOARD. MICHAEL THEN GAVE A BRIEF INTRODUCTION OF THE PARK BOARDS PLAN FOR 4 OF THE MAIN PARKS IN RENSSELAER.

PARK BOARD MEMBER BRAD COZZA PRESENTED TO EVERYONE THE REASON TO INVEST IN THE REALIZATION OF THE PARKS POTENTIAL WITH STATICS ON THE POPULATION GROWTH, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, AND QUALITY OF LIFE THAT IS CURRENTLY HAPPENING NOW AND THE NEAR FUTURE WITH THE RENSSELAER COMMUNITY.

MEMBER STACE PICKERING PRESENTED PLANS FOR THE MONNETT SCHOOL / STADDON FIELD AREA. STACE TOLD GUESTS SOCCER IS BEING PLANNED FOR THIS AREA PLUS ADDING A WALKING PATH AROUND THE WHOLE AREA. STACE ALSO TOLD GUESTS THE BALLFIELD THAT IS THERE NOW WOULD STAY AND UPDATES WOULD BE MADE TO IT. STACE THEN PRESENTED PLANS FOR BROOKSIDE PARK. STACE TOLD THE GUESTS 2 BASEBALL FIELDS WILL BE BUILT WHERE THE OLD FOOTBALL FIELD / SOCCER FIELDS IS CURRENTLY. THE 2 BALLFIELDS WILL BE USED FOR THE PARKS BASEBALL PROGRAM THAT WILL HAVE A CONCESSION STAND / STORAGE FACILITY / ANNOUNCERS BOX PLUS COVERED BLEACHERS FOR THE PATRIONS.

MEMBER CONNIE KINGMAN PRESENTED PLANS FOR A WALKING PATH AT BICENTENNIAL PARK. CONNIE PRESENTED TO THE AUDIENCE A MAP THAT HER AND HER HUSBAND PREPARED FOR THE PARK. THE PATH WOULD HOOK TO THE CURRENT SIDEWALK BY THE WALKING BRIDGE AND CONNECT TO THE NEW PAVILION AND THE HEAD TOWARDS THE CANOE LANDING. THE PATH WOULD ALSO HAVE A FIGURE 8 LOOP TO HEAD BACK TO THE WALKING BRIDGE SIDEWALK.

MEMBER BILL WORNHOFF PRESENTED PLANS FOR A DOG PARK TO BE LOCATED AT IROQUOIS PARK. BILL TOLD THE AUDIENCE THE PARK WOULD OFFER AN AREA FOR LARGE DOGS AND AN AREA FOR SMALLER DOGS. BILL TOLD THE GROUP THE PARK WOULD HAVE A SMALL FEE TO USE THE PARK AND BILL EXPLAINED HOW THIS WOULD WORK FOR PEOPLE TO GET INTO THE PARK. A BRIEF DISCUSSION FOLLOWED WITH NUMEROUS QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE DOG PARK.

KRISTEN ZIESE WITH THE JASPER FOUNDATION DISCUSSED TO THE AUDIENCE HOW THEY COULD HELP BY DONATING TO THE PARK PROGRAM. KRISTEN EXPLAINED HOW MUCH EACH PARK PROJECT PRESENTED WOULD COST AND HOW THE CITIZENS COULD DONATE. A BRIEF DISCUSSION FOLLOWED.

MICHAEL MANIS WRAPPED UP THE MEETING BY ANSWERING ANY QUESTIONES AND TOLD THE AUDIENCE IF THEY HAD ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROJECT OR WANTED TO DONATE TO ANY OF THE PROJECTS THEY COULD CONTACT ANY OF THE PARK BOARD MEMBERS THAT COULD HELP THEM.

BY
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SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS