

VILLAGE OF SCOTIA PARK BOARD MINUTES

Meeting held March 5, 2008

Mayor Kris Kastberg and
the Village Board of Trustees
Scotia, New York

Following are the minutes of the March meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners.

Attendance: B. Pytlovany, C. Gatta, J. Gatta, Harrigan, LaRocco, Torelli, VanPatten,
Trustee Carpenter, Parks and Recreation Supervisor Marx
Excused: Myslinski
Absent: Albers

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. **Minutes**

Motion made by Torelli seconded by J. Gatta to accept the February minutes as submitted. All in favor.

2. **Park Use Applications**

US Water Ski Show Team – represented Roy Delarm, Sara Pritchard

Due to e-coli problems in the Mohawk River in prior years, they are requesting use of water supplied to the Freedom Park Amphitheater via the external water valve. This water hook-up will supply water to a shower attached to their trailer for the skiers to rinse themselves off after they have been in the river. No soap will be used.

Motion made by J. Gatta, seconded by C. Gatta to approve the Park Use application pending receipt of insurance and approval from Mayor Kastberg.
All in favor.

Scotia Glenville Little League - represented by Joe Gatta

Requests use of baseball fields 2 through 7, also the fenced in field of Collins Park from April 1 through July 25, 2008. Times requested are: week days 3pm to nightfall and weekends 8pm – 4pm. They will be needing 2 parking permits for use during the entire season. J. Gatta will check with Clerk Treasurer on vending permit requirements.

Motion made by LaRocco, seconded by VanPatten to approve the Park Use application
All in favor.

Scotia Glenville Babe Ruth – represented by Joe Gatta

Requests use of the fenced in Babe Ruth Field from April 1 through September 30, 2008

They will be needing 3 parking permits to be used during the entire season.

Glenville Indians will be playing games on Wednesday evenings.

Concern made from Police Chief that the Park closes at 11:00pm and no games should go past that time. J. Gatta will check with Clerk Treasurer on vending permit requirements.

Motion made by Van Patten, seconded by LaRocco to approve the Park Use application **All in favor.**

3. **Liaison's Report**

The Board of Trustees is currently in the budget planning process. In regards to Collins Park, the Mayor has made it clear that he is interested in making the Park more usable for families and less hospitable to delinquents. The Mayor has discussed this issue with the Police Chief.

A proclamation was made at the last meeting noting Nell Burrows years of service on the Park Board.

4. **Chairman's Report**

The Flint House will be offering free kids programs the first Saturday of each month. Check out their website for a program showcasing their new Indian artifact collection. The web site for the Flint House is Flinthouse.org.

5. **Supervisor's Report**

There was much discussion concerning the Parks and Recreation budget for the coming year. Concerns included the increase of work to be done with no increase in staff. Park staff duties have increased considerably due to the maintenance of outside lots.

The Park Board feels strongly that the responsibilities of the park staff need to be reduced or staff increased to meet demands. If this does not happen, the level of the Park appearance will deteriorate.

There is also concern with the cut in funding from the Town of Glenville in support of our summer recreation program. The Mayor will meet with the Town of Glenville regarding this cut in funding.

It was proposed that the pay rate for counselors and lifeguards will increase by twenty five cents. No change in the maintenance budget.

An application is being made for use of the Parkland funds to purchase new docks (\$16,000) and to fix the slide in the Kiddie Park (\$5,000).

It was requested by Park Board members to include a line item in the budget for park generated income and this money be used specifically for the Park.

6. **Freedom Park**

The schedule for this summer Freedom Park concert series is almost complete. There are a lot of new bands this year including a Billy Joel tribute band.

7. **New Business**

Tina Koehler, BID, was present to discuss flags to be hung on National Grid poles along Mohawk Avenue. These flags will read Welcome to Scotia and include a picture of hollyhocks.

Next meeting will be April 2, 2008

Motion made by Torelli, to adjourn meeting at 8:47 p.m., seconded by C. Gatta
All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Norton, Secretary

cc: Schmitz, Cushing
Kasko, Pytlovany