

PITTSFORD PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD (PRAB)
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 13, 2025

Board Members Present: Steve Denaker, Jessie Hollenbeck, Pam Cooper-Vince, Phil Bleeker, Mike Pascucci, John Meyer, John Zito, Kristin Rohlf, Naveen Havannavar, Karen McCready

Students: One from MHS, one from SHS

Board Members Absent: Bill Beach, Christyn Musso-Albanese

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Steve Denaker

Motion made by Karen McCready to approve February minutes. Second by Pam Cooper-Vince. All in attendance approved.

CHAIRMAN, STEVE DENAKER:

- Steve wanted to share with Board that he had the opportunity to rent Kings Bend Park and he had a very positive experience. The staff was great to work with and everything ran smoothly
- Introduction of 3 new Board members. We all welcomed John Meyer, John Zito, and Kristin Rohlf

RECREATION UPDATE, JESSIE HOLLENBECK:

- **Guided trail hikes** will begin at the end of March. Seeking board members to volunteer for the following dates and trails. All hikes begin at 8:30 a.m. **Please email or call Jessie to let him know when you could volunteer.**
 - Sunday, March 30 @ Mile Post Trail
 - Saturday, April 26 @ Irondequoit Creek Trail
 - Saturday, June 7 @ Isaac Gordon Trail
- **Spring Program Registration**
 - Summer camp opened at 12:00 a.m. on March 3, and within 3 minutes, openings were filled at Community Center!
 - There are some openings at Park Road site this summer
 - Do we hold a lottery for registration? This becomes too tricky to manage

- **Community Events**

- All contracts and vendors have been approved by the Town Board
- Still working on food and art vendors for Paddle & Pour
- Outdoor movies will be held at the Community Center this year due to improvements at SHS. **Contact Alison Burchett or Jessie Hollenbeck** to help with events
- Concert schedule this year is a great mix of great performers

- **Senior Programs**

- Programs are going well
- Senior lunches are held 2x a month on Tuesdays. Great, home-cooked meals are served. Very well attended. Advisory board members are encouraged to attend a luncheon. On March 18, Chef Charlie will be serving a “Firehouse Meal”. Bill Smith will be in attendance. **Please email Jessie if you can attend a luncheon.**
- On MWF, county-sponsored nutrition lunch programs are offered. \$3.50 per meal. Reserve ahead of time and pay day of
- AARP tax preparation is being offered at the Community Center on Fridays from February-April to Monroe County residents. Those preparing the returns are mostly retired CPAs.

PARKS UPDATE, JESSIE HOLLENBECK:

- Paul Schenkel is working on a matching grant with Monroe County DOT for a sidewalk on Barker Rd. between Hopkins Park and Barker Road Middle School. This will supplement trail from Copper Woods allowing year-round walking to school. Hope to start this summer
- Spring clean ups are underway
- Getting ball fields ready for Spring sports (diamonds 4/1, rectangles 5/1) Turf fields already prepped
- Restoration on Thornell Farm Park sidewalk to begin ASAP

TOWN BOARD UPDATE, NAVEEN HAVANNAVER:

- Funding has been approved for Kings Bend Park bathrooms
- Zoning is hyper focused at this time
- Data for a lighting district is not currently on Town website. Working on getting information up on site.

MEMBER COMMENTS:

1. Jessie asked each new board member what their motivation to be on this board was. Both John Meyer and John Zito mentioned being long-time residents of Pittsford, kids participated in sports. Retired and wanting to give back to Community. Kristin is involved in PTSA, has children in school, she has “volunteerism” in her blood. This was a great way to be involved in the Town.
2. There will be a recognition ceremony for Rick Taylor who volunteered for 20 years on the Parks & Rec Board. This will be held at the Town Board meeting on April 1.
3. Please be sure to come to meetings with any feedback you receive

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: April 10, 6:30 p.m. Room 207

Respectfully submitted,

Karen McCready

Advisory Board Member