

PITTSFORD PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD (PRAB)
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 10, 2025

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

Students: Three from Mendon High School

Guest: Senior Program Director, Jen Morrow

Board Members Absent: Bill Beach, Christyn Musso-Albanese

Meeting called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Steve Denaker

***Motion made by Steve Denaker to approve March minutes with one correction.
Second by Pam Cooper-Vince and Mike Pascucci. All in attendance approved.***

CHAIRMAN, STEVE DENAKER:

- Steve welcomed Jennifer Morrow, Senior Program Director from the Community Center staff to give an update on the Senior programs.

Senior Program Report – Jennifer Morrow

Senior Programs:

- AARP tax preparation program saw 650 people use this free service. This is 100 more than last year. Estimated a total savings of \$200,000 in fees.
- Focus on bringing together seniors with youth. Some examples of how this is happening are:
 - Intergenerational Club (students from Sutherland High School) – have met with Pittsford Community Center Seniors 3 times this year
 - Veterans gathering with Ms. Stevens (TRS) 4th grade class. Veterans share their stories. Group will consist of about 40 seniors and 20 students (May 20)
- Upcoming Workshops: Matcha Tea Day, Spark Your Brain, Memoir Writing, Cooking Class
- See member comments below

Recreation Report – Jessie Hollenbeck, Recreation Director

Community Events:

- Crunch time to Paddle and Pour. Planning going well. Board members are welcome to volunteer at event tent. Reach out to Jessie Hollenbeck or Alison Burchett to sign up
- Day of Work @ Deblase Greenspace (organized by neighborhood community): trail work/clean up on April 13, 10-3 p.m. Park on Sugarbush to access trail
- Upcoming Event: Earth Day, April 22. Celebrating sustainability and preservation of earth's natural resources. Steve Denaker will be attending

Summer Program:

- **Adventure Camp** (August 18-21) for 10-14 year olds. Some openings remain
- **Adventure Club** (July 29th) horseback riding, therapy guide dog program; (August 12th) pool water safety at MHS (Meghan Brooks to lead the program), sailing with ROC City Sailing. These programs introduce new experiences and adventures for youth

Parks Update:

- Diamond fields opened on time (April 1). Weather has not been conducive to much play
- Rectangle fields are set to open May 1
- **Summer camp:** still a few openings at Park Road Elementary School. Most counselors are coming back, only giving a few job openings this year
- Jess Neal is waiting on their vendor to upgrade the locking mechanism at the Pittsford dog park

TOWN BOARD UPDATE, NAVEEN HAVANNAVER:

- **Zoning:** the last 2 public hearings went well. Zoning laws were approved, of which chickens are allowed
- **Refuse District:** Seyreck Disposal was bought out by Casella Waste Systems. This transaction came as a surprise to the Town. A board meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 15** to discuss: **1.)** secure the duration of the 2-year contract as signed; **2.)** ensure same level of service is provided; **3.)** future bids/options; **4.)** in-house waste collection service; **5.)** communication plan
- Minutes from Town board meetings are posted on Town of Pittsford website

MEMBER COMMENTS:

- Consider adding AI training classes and IT classes for Seniors
 - Response: Staff will be holding IT training sessions

- Auburn Trail, between French Rd. & Clover St. needs cleaning up
 - Response: Pittsford Rotary typically volunteers their time at cleaning up this portion
- Need health & safety guidance for trail hikes (i.e. First-Aid kit)
- Mill Neck/open Lusk field space is known for teenage weekend parties. Neighbors are frustrated.
 - Need to have neighbors call 911
 - Naveen will bring this issue to Town Board and see if area can be patrolled
- Is Rick Taylor awards presentation rescheduled?
 - Jessie will get an update

Motion made by Steve Denaker to adjourn at 7:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: May 9, 6:30 p.m. Room 207

Respectfully submitted,

Karen McCready

Advisory Board Member