

Friend of Camillus Park Meeting Minutes-September 27, 2012

Mary Flynn opened the meeting welcoming all members.

No changes were made to the Aug 23, 2012 minutes.

Eric Bacon, Director of Parks and Recreation, updated the committee that the demolition of the pool and bath house will begin soon. The exact date has not yet been set, but his staff will move forward once the other projects they are working on will soon be completed.

Notification of the Grant award is due sometime in October.

Suellen Callahan-Chair of the T-shirt fundraiser, reminded everyone that Friends of Camillus T-shirts are available for \$10.

Mary gave a special "Thank you" to Dave Callahan and the Town of Camillus for funding the Park Survey. Border posts with flags and survey pins have been positioned every 200 feet around the Park's perimeter.

Jim Gleason-Chair of the Clean Up committee, reported that CLEAN UP DAY is **Sunday Oct 28th, 9am-2pm**. Sunday was picked as the clean up day as it was felt more volunteers may be available on a Sunday. All residents interested in the project are welcomed. Volunteers are asked to either contact Jim -jgleason62@gmail.com or Mary Flynn- mbflynn@twcny.rr.com so in the event of bad weather on Oct 28th, volunteers can be contacted in case of "rain/snow delay". This is the first of several "Clean Up Days" that will be needed.

Mary continues to try to connect with the ESF students regarding the revitalization project.

Recommended attire for clean up day:

- Heavy shoes or boots to work in the forest
- Long sleeves and long pants
- Work gloves
- Insect repellent to protect against ticks and mosquitoes

Mary and Joe Flynn, Dave Callahan, Eric Bacon and Jim Gleason have done several walk throughs in the park, classifying the type of clean up needed.

Class 1: heavy manual labor-fencing, building material and heavy wood-concrete and asphalt removal

Class 2: yard waste/brush removal

Class 3: bottles, cans and misc trash

There was also discussion on how the clean up would be done. "Human chain" for removing lighter loads from within the forest, use of a gator and trailer to remove waste.

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We are still looking for members to Chair the following Committees:

- * Need to obtain donations from local retailers for yard waste
(ie bags from Home Depot, Lowes or Walmart)
- *Refreshments for Clean up day: ie Cam's Pizza, Wegman's , Tops)
- *Publicity-someone to contact local media for coverage about the project
- *Passing out hand outs
- *Photographer (to chronicle events and progress)

Broadening our volunteer group to include youth organizations will be more of a focus in the Spring once clean up is underway.

It was suggested that Dave Callahan, as Councilman of the 6th Ward, write a letter to the residents that border the perimeter of the Park, asking residents to refrain from depositing yard waste and debris into the park at their property line, and also inviting these residents to participate in the clean up efforts.

It was also suggested that Dave Callahan and the other Ward Council members send out an "Email blast" asking for Volunteer help on Clean Up day. It was suggested that Clean up day be posted on the Town Web site.

"Confirmation of Activities" meeting is set for OCT 11th at 7pm at Town Hall. This meeting will help to finalize plans for our first clean up.

Thursday-OCT 25, 2012 is the next Friends of Camillus Park meeting, 7pm at Town Hall, large meeting room. ALL ARE WELCOME!!

L. Gleason