

Minutes of the meeting of the Berne Recreation and Parks Advisory Board of 06/24/2021  
(a.k.a. "Parks & Recreation Board", or PRB)

- John Zelenak opened the meeting of the Board, and led the pledge of allegiance.
- Present in person at the Town of Berne Town Park were board members: John Zelenak, Nelson Kent, Susan Hawkes-Teeter, Robin Gifford, Steve Gifford and Dan Perkol. There was no Zoom participation offered. An audio recording of the meeting was made and has been submitted to the Town Clerk.
- Since it was Dan's first meeting he introduced himself and noted that he worked at Switzkill farm for four summers when he was a teen in the 1970's.
- There was another request for a Recording Secretary for the Board. No one volunteered. John will record minutes for this meeting and, as a temporary solution, suggested we all take turns recording minutes.
- Sub-Committee designations were discussed. Five committees, each of which will have a lead member from among the Board, were approved: Volunteer and Development (has no lead but Sean, Dee, and John have volunteered), Events and Program Planning (Robin is the lead and John and Sue volunteered), Publicity (John is the lead), Budget (has no lead but Dan and Sean have volunteered), and Maintenance (Nelson will lead, Sean and Steve have volunteered).
- Discussion resumed whether to collaborate with the Celebration Committee and Beautification Committee members, possibly as PRB sub-committee members, or to absorb those boards into the PRB. The discussion illuminated a lack of understanding by the Board whether the "Recreation" part of the title of the PRB refers to events and programming in just the parks or events and programming also outside of the parks such as the socially distanced Holiday Parade of 2020 and the Berne Earth Day Clean Up event this past April, both sponsored by the Celebration Committee. The Board will review the Local Law #1 for 2021 (a copy will be emailed to Board members by John) for clarification and seek advice from the Town Board if still unclear.

New Business:

- There is an unfinished trail to a waterfall at Switzkill Farm (SF). Nelson mentioned a trail there had formerly been explored for development through a volunteer group called AmeriCorps. He will ask former Switzkill Farm Board members familiar with the project about the details in an effort to revisit it.
- John mentioned the road relocation project at the Town Park and asked if it could be recommended to the Town Board that they advance that project. We would like to understand that project better and are requesting information on the project such as drawings about how the road would be placed and to see reports from the Conservation Board and/or DEC if they are available.
- John motioned that the meeting be adjourned, Dan seconded. The meeting was unanimously adjourned.

- Respectfully submitted by John Zelenak (temp Recording Secretary)