

**MINUTES OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TOWN BOARD
MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 15, 2012 AT 7:00 PM
AT TOWN HALL, ONE OVEROCKER ROAD
POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK**

**PRESENT: Supervisor Tancredi
Councilman Baisley
Councilman Eagleton
Councilman Cifone
Councilman Krakower
Councilwoman Shershin
Town Attorney Nelson
Town Clerk Miller**

ABSENT: Councilman Conte

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7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

SALUTE THE FLAG

Town Supervisor introduced the Cal Ripken League who spoke on the proposal to Build a Pavilion at Red Oaks Mill Park.

Joan: Basically, this year we have rebuilt our concession stand and we've been doing a lot of traveling with our Community Fest and looking at other fields and how they do tournaments and we really don't have the facilities to do it because we have no place for the elderly to sit. So, what we are proposing to do is to build a pavilion at Red Oaks Mill Park. When we have a tournament, it kind of gives the field a little bit of uplift.

Councilman Krakower: Where are you going to put the Pavilion over there?

Joan : Right in front of the concession stand. There will be picnic tables there for them and they just go under the Pavilion to the concession stand and tables.

Supervisor Tancredi: How large is the proposed Pavilion?

Joan: It's 44.6 ft. across and about 45 ft out.

Supervisor Tancredi: And how high off the ground?

Joan: It's eight feet.

Councilman Cifone: How is the roof going to be pitched?

Joan: It will have to be pitched to the side.

Councilman Krakower: Do you need anything from the Town? I'm sure you've been talking to Tom Meyering, Town Recreation Director, but is there anything you need from us as far as assistance in the process?

Vinny: At this point, we are still in the planning stage. We wanted to get it approved before we start looking for people who can help us, rather it should be contractors or community help from our constituents. At this point, that's where we are at.

Joan: So, we can't really move forward until we get your approval and if we don't get your approval, you don't want to have contractors or donators and give them hope if we don't get approved by this Board.

Councilman Krakower: I think it's a really good idea and I think everything you have been doing, the group that's running the league now, has been impressive. In Crown Heights you put in a grass in-field just last week. There's been a lot of work done to improve the quality of the ball field and the safety of the ball fields and I want to thank you for everything you've done, because it's been a nice partnership between the League and the Town and we try to do as much as we can in the municipality, but, you people have definitely chipped in and stepped up to get a lot done and I think the kids clearly benefit from it. The other thing I want to point out. Watching the games is a lot of fun. The Babe Ruth League is a lot of fun. It's just like watching, maybe not the Yankees just yet, but the kids hustle and play their hearts out. The coaches are very encouraging and I was very impressed when I've gone to see the games. I think the teams have done very very well in recent years in Cal Ripkin and Babe Ruth.

Vinny: We had three district winners this year again. However, ten, nine and eleven year olds all in one district went up State and our nine and eleven year olds made it to the Championship game for the State. They didn't win, but, they made it that far. Last year our ten year old team made it to Regional. So, we are making a name for Poughkeepsie and part of the Cal Ripkin program is that all the Coaches have to go through training and so we start training in January and we come out of the training understanding the concept of the game. It's just a game, it's not your game, and it's the kid's game and working through that type of philosophy.

Supervisor Tancredi: I agree, the man hours you put in as volunteers and behind the scenes, it's incredible and truly beneficial to the community and we appreciate all that you do and we probably don't thank you enough, but once in a while we get you in here and thank you and so we do appreciate all you do.

Vinny: I appreciate that, I also have my Vice-President Brian (inaudible) who does a lot of work with Brian Belino and Tom Meyering on the field and it's a great partnership to work on the fields. We are working with the New Hamburg Fire Department fields and it's been a great partnership.

Town Attorney Nelson: Do you want the Legal Department to maybe talk to Tim and Don Beer about just making sure the plans have been looked at, etc.?

Town Supervisor Tancredi: Yes, sure. Just to make sure everything is appropriate in terms of the structure and the soundness and we will try to streamline it and put on a fast track so when they are ready, we're not in the way and they can start construction.

Joan: If you ever come down to Red Oaks, we've had a lot of upgrade in the concession stand and the kids come up and are happy to eat out of it now. Everything we do is for the kids.

Councilman Krakower: You have a "Movie Night" coming up soon, don't you?

Vinny: Yes, this Saturday Night. It's open to the entire Town and we had about 110 people come last year. It's this Saturday, August 18th at 7:30 opening. The movie will start at 8:30 at the Red Oaks Mill Field which is at Spackenkill and Alda Road and we will have the concession stand open.

Joan: I have a question. If our Pavilion gets approved, is there any way to put something on the air like volunteers, or donations?

Supervisor Tancredi: Absolutely, if you have a construction day on a Saturday or multiple Saturdays looking for handymen or people willing to pitch in where ever they can, yes, absolutely.

Joan: Also, may be some companies that will be willing to donate maybe concrete or wood, etc.

Councilman Cifone: We just built a Pavilion in Fairview Park and it costs us \$3500 and it was built with 12 people and all volunteer labor and we raised money last year at River Station Restaurant we did a fund raising for the day and we charged \$20 to get in and sold raffle tickets. So, if you can find a Restaurant willing to do that for you. You can make a one day shot and get some money that way.

Councilman Krakower: Jim, Do we need to do anything to formally approve it, or is it the Building Department, or what do we do here?

Town Attorney Nelson: I think what we did the last time where we get all volunteer labor, we simply make sure that people sign releases and that they have insurance and the Engineering looked at the plans and Tim Sickles looked at it from a Code respect. If you are going to be using contractors on something of this size, you may want to have a letter

agreement and you might want to authorize the construction by Resolution, because this is something that is technically going to a park.

Councilman Krakower: Should we just put that on the Agenda for next week to take care of it so this way they don't have to worry about it later on? This way they will be ok either way, volunteer or contractor?

Joan: We have contractors who sponsor the teams and I will be asking them if they will volunteer their time, if not, hire someone.

Town Attorney Nelson: It's a lot to ask of people, but if people are truly doing it as volunteers it is a whole lot easier to put it together.

Councilman Krakower: Ok, let's get it on next week's agenda and then if we do need something, it will be taken care of.

Councilwoman Shershin: Are you going to be able to get a vehicle, like an ambulance, around this, because this falls between two baseball diamonds?

Joan: The actual access to the Pavilion is from the road, the gates are on Alda Drive.

The Council expressed their gratitude to the League for all they do for the kids.

Vinny: Our numbers are growing, they are at the highest they've been, and we have 475 kids now.

Tom Meyering, Town Recreation Director: Again, as you all said, I want to thank the Cal Ripkin League and the other youths in the sports leagues who we have and for all the volunteer time they put into it. We had a little concern with the size being a little too big, and to the access to the building and around back of the building, which are still going to look at. Beyond that, the concept is great and we endorse the concept.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Councilman Krakower: No Report

FIRE ADVISORY

Councilman Baisley: No Report

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Councilwoman Shershin: No Report

LAND USE & PLANNING

Councilman Krakower: No Report

PERSONNEL

Councilman Cifone: No Report

RECREATION

Councilman Baisley: We just discussed Cal Ripkin at our meeting and the seniors. We've gone ahead

and are starting the borings and we are waiting for the results so we can go on to the next step with the Senior Center and so far there has been no issues. There is nothing behind the building so far, and so we should have the results back in a couple of weeks.

TECHNOLOGY

Councilman Eagleton: No Report

WATER, SEWER, HIGHWAY

Councilman Eagleton: No Report

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Poughkeepsie does hereby adjourn to Executive Session to consider the following matters, to wit:

1. Confidential communication between attorney and his client/Town Board based on attorney/client privileges.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, there will be no action appropriating money.

SO MOVED: J. Baisley/S. Eagleton

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Councilmen Baisley, Eagleton, Cifone, Krakower, Councilwoman Shershin and Supervisor Tancredi

Nays: None

CARRIED: 6-0

TOWN BOARD MEETING ADJOURNED AND WENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:16 PM

TOWN BOARD RETURNED FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:45 PM

TOWN BOARD MEETING CLOSED AT 7:50 PM

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