



NISKAYUNA TOWN MEETING
HIGHWAY, PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

AGENDA FOR HIGHWAY, PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, June 6, 2024 @ 8:00am

Approval of Highway, Parks & Recreation Minutes – May 2 Meeting (prepared by Julie Lohre)

Public Comment

Highway & Parks Items (Ray Smith)

1. Highway Crews- Crews will be working on trees and resident request list. Patching of roads, basin repairs and small drainage projects.
2. Personnel- (update) Highway and Parks, Tentative hire of a ground's worker and (seasonal worker)
3. Parks- Crews have been working in various parks trimming brush and park maintenance.
4. Truck purchase- Purchase of a pickup and plow for use in the parks dept (mini bid)
5. Surplus items- (list attached)
6. Yard waste pickup-The 2024-yard waste scheduled pickup has begun on May 6th flyer attached the schedule is also available on the town website as well. Please bag can or bundle and tie for pickup. (pickup has been heavy so far)
7. 2024 paving- crews will begin prepping roads for the first round of paving. First round should be completed first or second week of June weather permitting (list attached) (update)
8. TB resolution- (tentative) hiring of seasonal help in highway and parks grounds maintenance worker.
9. RR park- update



Town of Niskayuna

May 2, 2024

HIGHWAY, PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Present: B. McPartlon, A. Finan, B. Greenwood, C. Henry, E. Casady-Dorian, R. Smith, J. Foti, L. O'Brien

Approval of Minutes – 4/7/2024 Meeting (Community Programs - prepared by Julie Lohre)
The minutes were approved as presented.

Highway & Parks Items (Ray Smith)

1. Highway crews are working on everyday request list which includes trees, basin repairs, patching of roads, and resident requests. The hot mix patching compound is now available, so crews will be seen around working on a more permanent repair of all the pot holes. The sweeper truck will also be circulating through town neighborhoods, cleaning up the winter sand and debris.
2. Park crews continue to work getting all the facilities cleaned up for the summer season. Pavilions are being blown out, and picnic tables are being set out in preparation for summer reservations.
3. The scheduled yard waste pick-ups for the 2024 season will begin on Monday, May 6th. The flyer is posted on the Town website. Yard Waste stickers for residents to put on their pails are available outside the Town Hall's front doors, in addition to the Town Clerk's office and the Highway Garage. Yard waste must be bagged, canned or bundled, and adhere to the posted guidelines.
4. The Highway crews are out now preparing roads that are on the list for the first round of paving. Residents on these roads are notified with letters, giving them the dates in advance. The list of roads included in the first round this season is attached to these minutes. There is a tentative date (weather dependent) of early June set with the paving company for the actual paving to be done.
5. A tentative Town Board Resolution will be for the new maintenance worker and seasonal help for both the Highway and Parks Departments.
6. The Highway Department continues to work on the new parking lot at River Road Park. There is a little bit of work that remains to get the area around the new pavilion and playground graded and seeded in order to be used for this season. Privacy trees have been planted at Fieldstone Park, a few more will be planted in addition to a small area of hydro-seeding in order to complete the work at that park.

7. Ray informed the committee that The Peddle- Paddle- Run event will be coming up soon. The Highway Department makes sure that the event spaces are cleaned up and in good repair. He also reminded the group that preparing for the annual Niska-Day festivities means a couple of days work for his department. Repairs have also been made at the shooting range. Ray was asked about the status of replacing trees in the Town Hall Veteran's Memorial Garden. He has that project on his list and will be looking into what will be the best option to replace the trees with.

Community Programs Items (Jean Foti)

1. Registrations are going very well for all summer programs. Applications for summer employment have been flooding in, with 72 applications received for the Town Pool snack bar alone. Lori has completed all pool interviews, and offers have been sent out.
2. Spring Rec Soccer began on Monday, 4/22. The weather has been cooperating and things are running smoothly. Jean complimented Ray on the condition of the fields. Ray reminded the committee that an investment was made last fall, and it has paid off. Ray has also purchased a roller for use on all the athletic fields, since what was used prior was too heavy for the job.
3. The Driving Range opened on Tuesday, April 30th. Opening was delayed due to all the rain. Lessons were pushed back and also began on 4/30. The Range will be open from 8:00 am- 7:00 pm. A big "Thank You" to Ron and Charlie for all of their hard work opening this and all of the other seasonal facilities.
4. The pollinator garden at the Town Pool is being installed this weekend. Jean will take pictures to share with the committee, and will put on the Facebook page. The compost bins are also in place, but the program has not officially opened yet. There is still a bit of necessary maintenance needed at the site.
5. The ML Schedules and pavilion reservations have been doing well. There have been a lot of reservations made for all of the pavilions.
6. Resolution Items will include the Playground Program staff, Pool staff and Independent Contractors.

Senior Program Events (Linda O'Brien)

1. The first Thursday of the month is always especially busy, with Book Club and Birthday celebrations. Today they will also be hosting an art event with the Electric City Barn, making paper Jewelry.
2. The Defensive Driving Class that is scheduled for Saturday, May 4th may be rescheduled due to the low registration numbers. The instructors require 15 registrations, and there are only 5 at this time. People should watch the website for an update, as soon as a decision is made.

3. Joe Severino will be providing entertainment on Thursday, May 9th. This will be part of the Senior Center's Mother's Day celebration. There will be an SAS Workshop on Saturday, 5/11 where they will be working with Gelli plates. This event will run 10:30 – 2:30, and there is a fee.
4. Hearing checks are back on the calendar. They will start back up on 5/28. They had been very popular pre-COVID, and along with the Blood Pressure Checks, provide a nice service for the Seniors.
5. The volunteers that were packing up the donations of clothing, including the pants made by the sewing group, packed up 15 total outfits. Two hundred items came in, and were included, so that each outfit had socks, underwear, and little tee shirts to go with the pants. The items were donated to Works of Mercy. The Sewing Group will be moving on to another charitable project, and they continue to welcome donations.
6. The Senior Center staff has been looking at potential day trips for the summer. A winery in Ballston Spa has been considered, as well as a day on Jay Street in Schenectady. These trips would be in addition to the already scheduled Proctor's trips.
7. The Red Cross Blood Drive did well, with 22 donations. They will schedule one again in the fall.
8. The Niskayuna Mom's Group will be taking a summer hiatus. They will come in to clean up before taking the summer off.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 6, 2024 at 8:00 am
Minutes prepared by Julie Lohre



NISKAYUNA TOWN MEETING

HIGHWAY, PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Recreation [Community Programs] Items (Lori Peretti)

1. Town Pool opening date – Saturday, June 22nd
2. Splash Pad at Blatnick Park – open for the season
3. Summer programs update & Important June dates
4. International Yoga Day Free Session – Friday, June 21 @ Town Hall (5:30-6:30)
5. Schenectady County Arts & Culture Grant Award – Awarded \$2,500
6. Concert Series 2024 begins tonight, June 6th and we are in the Capital Region Concert Guide!!
7. Fall Soccer registration is open!
8. Farmers Market update
9. Resolution Items

Senior Program Updates and Events (Linda O'Brien)

1. Senior Program update
2. Exercise & Programs Update

Schedule next meeting – July 11? @ 8:00am

MOTION TO ADJOURN

May 2024

Resolutions Needed to Auction

The Following Items

52- 2005 International Dump Truck

Vin # 1HTWDAAR95J053107

18- 2013 Ford Pickup

Vin # 1FT7X2B67DEA62317

Niskayuna Residents

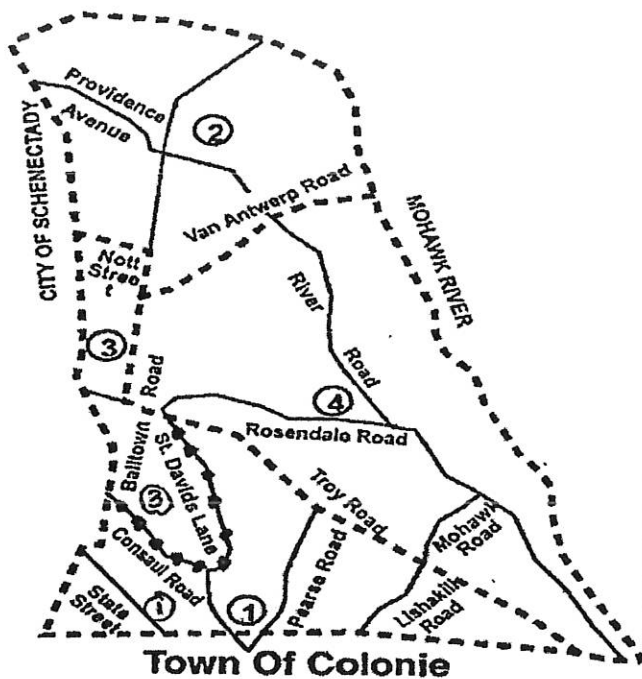
Please be advised the weekly random pick up of yard waste will begin on Monday April 1, 2024, (weather permitting).

Scheduled pick up will start Monday May 6, 2024 (see the zone schedule below for your day). Random pick up will resume Tuesday October 15, 2024 and continue until the end date of Friday November 29, 2024 (weather permitting). As a reminder, please have all cans/bags/bundles out the night before since we start at 6:30am.

Any barrels or containers used must be 32 gal and under and please do not have wheels on them.

All barrels/containers will have to be under 40 lbs. and labeled with a YARD WASTE sticker. THE BAGS DO NOT NEED STICKERS.

These stickers can be picked up at the Town Hall, Recreation Department, Transfer Station, or Highway Department.



ZONE 1 MONDAY

ZONE 2 TUESDAY

ZONE 3 WEDNESDAY

ZONE 4 THURSDAY

ANY QUESTIONS CALL THE
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AT
518-785-9753

ALL CONTAINERS MUST
HAVE YARD WASTE
STICKERS OR THEY WILL
NOT BE PICKED UP!

2024 PAVING

<u>Road</u>	<u>To-From</u>
Victoria Court	All
Rose Terrace	All
Jessica Lane	All
Warner Rd.	All
Barton Place	All
Becker St.	N Amherst-Dead End
Gasner Ave.	All
Leroy St.	All
Ralph St.	All



Town of Niskayuna

SUMMER 2024 CONCERT SERIES

CONCERTS START AT 7:00 PM

JUNE 6 - THE NISKAYUNA MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ BANDS

JUNE 13 - DADTET

JUNE 20 - DOC BENSON BAND

JUNE 27 - LOOSE CHANGE

JULY 11 - BRITISH VINYL

JULY 18 - EAGLES TROMBONE ENSEMBLE

JULY 25 - JOE'S BOYS

AUGUST 1 - TROJAN HORNS

AUGUST 8 - AIN'T NO STRANGERS & COMPANY

AUGUST 15 - THEE MR. E BAND

Bring a picnic & lawn chair to enjoy these free hour-long concerts with your neighbors and friends. Sponsors are the Office of Community Programs and the Niskayuna Highway Dept. Funding for this project made possible in part by a grant from the Schenectady County Arts & Culture Grant.