

**Village of Williamsville
Parks Committee
Minutes of the meeting of January 14, 2010**

Present: Noel Bartlo, Chairman; Dave Pennington, Matt Bierl, Al Hershberger, Mark Klepadlo, George Gates, Dave Hernandez; Brian Geary, Village Board liaison; and David Boyd, visitor from the Western New York Historic Railway Society.

Minutes of the meeting of November 4, 2009 were approved

Dave Pennington reported on the continuing effort to construct a gazebo along the new pathway at South Long Park. He said he has two written estimates and is awaiting others. Several Williamsville construction companies have been contacted. He hopes to bring the matter to a head by the February meeting.

The committee reviewed a listing of park improvements proposed by Marc Shuttleworth, Department of Public Works chief, for inclusion in the 2010-2011 village budget. They are:

- Garrison Park - Top dress and expand walking paths, \$4,500; Added trees and shrubs, \$2,500; Added wood chips, \$800; Added picnic tables, \$1,200.
- Island Park - Added trees, \$5,000; Added wood chips, \$400; Added picnic tables, \$1,200; Street Lamp replacement at the Point, \$1,200; Small gazebo or benches at the Point, \$7,500; Light replacement at the large shelter, \$400.
- South Long Park - Flowers along the new walkway, \$1,250; the Gazebo, \$15,000; a pre-cast bathroom structure, \$25,000; Wood chips, \$400.
- The committee added \$400 for a drinking fountain at the Lehigh Memory Trail and a \$10,000 reserve to the budget request possibilities.

Brian Geary, Noel Bartlo, Tracy Galuski and Dave Hernandez were designated to keep tabs on the budget process and support the committee's proposals. Hearings start in March. Brian stressed the need for community support for parks upgrades.

Noel said the committee should prepare a "to do" list of projects and activities from the DPW to undertake when the winter weather breaks.

The committee heard from Donald Boyd about plans to raise money to transport a 1931 all-metal caboose from storage in Hamburg to a permanent display location near the Williamsville Depot. He asked for committee support for a fund-raising auction scheduled for April 16 at the Main-Transit Fire Hall. His group needs volunteers and donations of goods to be auctioned.

Respectfully submitted, George Gates