

HILLSDALE HAMLET COMMITTEE NOTES

Saturday, Oct. 15, 2016, 9:30am. Town Hall

Attendance: Lynda Brenner, Peter Cipkowski, Laura Griffin, Mike Stertz, Robina Ward, Matt White, Bart Ziegler

1. Minutes from the last meeting were approved.
2. Sidewalk project: Eight bid packets were picked up by interested contractors. Bids due by Oct. 20. GPI will analyze them for one week and then the one the Town Board selects will be sent to the state Department of Transportation for its approval. The window for completion of the work is Labor Day 2017.
3. Streetlights: Awaiting word from office of Sen. Marchione as to whether she will provide funding.
4. Town Board news: \$3,000 allocated for town committees this year, \$1,000 allocated for banners related to alerting public about sidewalk construction.
5. New town entry signs: A number of Hamlet Committee accounts were mentioned as possibly contributing toward purchase of the signs, including: Beautification, which has about \$1,800, Town Hall Park, \$4,518, and Hamlet Development, \$2,615. Questions were raised about how or whether some of the funds could be allocated to pay for the portion of the signs not raised through a fundraising letter sent to select past donors.
6. Rail trail: The culvert under Anthony Street was cleaned out and found to be usable. It's anticipated that the base layer of asphalt could be put down before winter.
7. Basketball court restoration: The question was raised as to whether to remove all of the existing asphalt before adding the new layer, as an expert advised. Robina will consult with those who could do this kind of work.
8. Pumpkin Day Oct. 22, and Committee's bake sale: A request was made for more baked goods.
9. Committee's future projects: Town Supervisor Peter Cipkowski spoke of a broader vision for the Hamlet Park. He talked about the history of the park, how it once was called Memorial Field. He would like to see that incorporated into plans for the park. Bart suggested the Committee have some involvement with the town Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony. He also spoke of a flea market as part of Memorial Day weekend in 2017, a onetime Committee event that was considered a success. A subcommittee was established to plan a flea market.
10. Next meeting: Nov. 15 at 9:30 a.m. at Town Hall.