

Gardiner Parks and Recreation Minutes - March 21, 2019

In attendance: Michael Albright, Michele Tomasicchio, Andy Lewis, Joshua Platt

Meeting Began: 7:20 pm

Meeting Ended: 8:48 pm

Discussion about the pole barn and the completion of it. Gardiner Parks & Recreation would like to give the responsibility of the completion of the pole barn to the town.

Roger Ennis presented a proposal to organize The First Annual Community Bike Ride for September 15, 2019. A 20 mile bike ride and a 3 mile loop for the kids. GPR would solicit businesses for donations. Roger has organized this prior in Kingston. Currently the event will be free and we will ask for donations to be directed to The New Paltz Community Foundation, Inc. This will be brought back to discuss at our next meeting.

Andy Lewis presented discussion about putting it out to the community to have the handball court painted by an artist. The handball court needs to be prepped. The paint on the wall is chipping now. The old paint needs to be taken off and repainted to preserve the wall. If this isn't done the wall will continue to deteriorate.

We should consider public submissions for the wall mural. There will be a theme for the mural. Environmental themed, community themed or kid themed. Who would be the artist? Would they have to be paid? Would GPR be paying for the paint. This could be connected as an event with Gardiner Library.

This will be themed based. GPR would be the determining factor of the chosen mural. It will be brought back to the table to discuss it.

We should organize a volunteer group to put wood chips out on the playground.

Brian Sticia wants to start a softball league and they would want to help clean up the ball field. The highway department is on board with clearing a parking lot for the proposed hiking and biking trails by the transfer station.