

Village of Fleischmanns  
Workshop Meeting  
April 3, 2012

The Village of Fleischmanns Board of Trustees held a Special Meeting on Tuesday, April 3, 2012 at the Skene Memorial Library at 4:00 p.m. Present were: Deputy Mayor Todd Pascarella, Harriet L. Grossman, Fred Woller and Benjamin Fenton. Peggy Ellsworth was also present from the Mark Project along with Fleischmanns Park Commissioner, Jeanine Pascarella.

The Village Board discussed the issues of flooding at the ball park on Wagner Avenue. Deputy Mayor Todd Pascarella explained that putting anything else in the way that could interfere with the flood flow through there would cause more problems. The water has room to come up and expand & a tremendous capacity to pass the park.

Trustee Fred Woller, whose home is located at 1000 Main Street, advised that the water from the second storm after Irene was rising behind his house, but was not threatening & Wagner Avenue was flooding and that has never happened before.

Deputy Mayor Pascarella advised that all the material that is piled up in the park now was pulled out of the stream again after the 2<sup>nd</sup> flood. Because everything was so raw, the gravel & sediment recollected in that area & the water left, so they pulled it out again. Putting more material down there close to the stream that can get picked up & pushed into the channel is creating yet another obstacle. Deputy Mayor Pascarella thought the Village should talk to Soil & Water before we move any material in the stream area, we need to look at exactly what the stream site is going to do. The constriction of water was also discussed insofar as getting the water from the beginning to the end of the Village. Deputy Mayor Pascarella advised that the Village had to look at the long-term path as to passing bigger amounts of water safely and would do best to take advice from Soil & Water.

Deputy Mayor also addressed rotating the location of the field since the grass takes a full year, when under heavy usage, and has to re-route & re-grow before it's able to sustain everyday use again & not be damaged quickly. The problem with looking at this in terms of getting it open now; we will be sacrificing the durability of the field & that's our biggest concern. For the long term, we need to set that expectation that this park needs to be closed for a year because the field needs to be completely rebuilt from the ground up & routes need to take hold, so starting next spring it can take the daily abuse that its going to have. Deputy Mayor Pascarella went on to explain the situation for the funding of the park repairs, the road and infrastructure, etc.

Peggy Ellsworth said the Village should get the bid specs in place for the field re-grading and seeding & other smaller components like the restroom, etc. as soon as we can see that FEMA is moving forward with funding; it could be a fall project, but it will still be ready for use next summer. The Parks & Rec money can serve as a match to the FEMA money.

Further discussion was held as to putting a small temporary recreation place on the property next to the synagogue & putting up a privacy fence to prevent noise & perhaps raise the fence high enough to protect the windows in the synagogue.

The Board also addressed the placing of rendering signs along the park showing what everyone could look forward to when the park is rebuilt again; tree planting, soccer goals, etc.

**DEP/Park Permit**

Motion made by Todd Pascarella to sign and submit an application to DEP along with a check for \$25.00, for a permit allowing the Village of Fleischmanns access to the land next to the synagogue, tax parcel # 287.17-1-16 consisting of 0.69 acres as a small park for a one (1) year term. Motion seconded by Harriet L. Grossman. Todd Pascarella-Aye. Harriet L. Grossman-Aye. Fred Woller-Aye. Benjamin Fenton-Aye. All in favor. Motion so carried.

**Adjourn**

Motion made by Todd Pascarella to adjourn. Motion seconded by Benjamin Fenton. Todd Pascarella-Aye. Benjamin Fenton-Aye. Fred Woller-Aye. Harriet L. Grossman-Aye. All in favor. Motion so carried.