

A workshop was held by the Town Board of the Town of Moreau on March 22, 2012 in the Town of Moreau Office Building, 61 Hudson Street, South Glens Falls, New York, for the purpose of discussing proposed projects at the Harry J. Betar Jr. Recreational Park.

Supervisor Jenkins called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Town Clerk called the roll.

Town Board Members Present

Robert J. Vittengl, Jr.	Councilman (Entered Meeting at 7:15 p.m.)
Bob Prendergast	Councilman
Gina LeClair	Councilwoman
Todd Kusnierz	Councilman
Preston Jenkins	Supervisor

Town Board Members Absent

None

Also Present: Members of South Glens Falls Baseball; Steve Gram, Recreation Director; Bruce Siergrey, Jeremy Tripp and Royce Pixley, Laborers in the Recreation Department; John Farrell and Garth Baker, Recreation Commission Members; and Reed Antis, Town Resident and Alternate Member on the Town Planning Board

Steve Gram explained about the winter activities that took place in the recreation park and mentioned the lighting grant the Town received and the grant from the South Glens Falls School District that the Town benefitted from with the purchase of equipment used in winter activities in the park. He said the next project that should be undertaken is the construction of a warming hut. The current maintenance building could be renovated and a 20' x 20' addition put on the building to be utilized as a "warming hut" and it could be used to store the 100' x 200' portable skating rink for the summer months, winter sports equipment i.e., skates, snowshoes, x-country skis and hockey equipment, allow employees to hand out winter sports equipment and a place for people to try on the equipment, an area for first aid equipment, classroom for summer arts & crafts, snack machines, place to sell hot cocoa and coffee, and it would include a unisex handicapped accessible bathroom. This new bathroom would eliminate the need for portable toilets at \$175.00 per month during the winter months.

Steve Gram explained that they do not have any place to store the portable ice rink for the summer months and they have equipment in the office area.

Councilwoman LeClair asked if the old voting machines have been removed from the old highway garage yet and if they were removed then we could store some things there.

Supervisor Jenkins explained where they were at with the old voting machines.

Councilman Kusnierz asked if there are two bathrooms currently in the maintenance building and the reply was yes. When he asked why they were proposing to put in one unisex bathroom vs. the two we have now he was told that it would open the area up for more usage.

The question was asked as to whether the Town would pay for this project or would it be through the grant from the school.

Steve Gram explained that it would be paid for with Town funds. The grant from the school has to be used for strictly fitness. It can't be used for construction.

Councilwoman LeClair stated that the building doesn't have to be anything fancy, just insulated.

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Councilman Kusnierz asked if the current building has 2"x4" construction in the walls now and the answer was that they are block walls.

Councilman Kusnierz asked if it would be contracted out and Steve Gram replied yes, in order to have it done right.

Supervisor Jenkins stated that a plan is needed so we can figure out what the cost will be. He said that one of our engineers may be able to draw up some plans relatively cheaply.

Councilwoman LeClair said they didn't price it out yet, because they weren't sure if the board wanted to move forward with this or not.

Councilman Kusnierz asked what it would be used for in the summer months and Steve Gram replied that it could be used for arts and crafts classes and Pop Warner could use it for weigh ins before games.

Steve Gram stated that the current maintenance building is about 90 feet by 31 feet and there is a need for a little larger building. They are acquiring more and more equipment and there is no place to store it.

Bruce Siergrey explained how there isn't enough room in the maintenance building/office area to repair equipment.

The size being suggested for the new maintenance building is 50 feet by 100 feet.

Steve Gram explained that part of the building would be cold storage for equipment with two garage doors and one door on the side for employees to use to enter and exit the building. They looked at metal buildings on the internet and there are all kinds of prices and all types of buildings. The concrete pad would cost about \$10,000.00.

Councilman Vittengl stated that the original purpose for building this new maintenance building was for the storage of equipment. He said it doesn't have to be heated and it could be a pole barn style building on a stone base. He said this way they would be looking at a cost of \$15,000.00 to \$20,000.00 vs. a half of a million dollars for a building.

Supervisor Jenkins suggested that they put this on the agenda for the next meeting to engage an engineer to throw together a quick sketch and put together a rough cost estimate.

Steve Gram suggested that the Route 197 building be used as a teen/youth center where programs could be held for them to participate in. There could be movie nights, game nights and a place where they could go to do homework after school or use computers. He said that the Town of Bolton used the downstairs of the Town Hall for a youth center and they used to hold dances there and there would be about 200 or 300 kids attending.

Supervisor Jenkins recognized representatives present from South Glens Falls Baseball and asked if they wanted to say anything.

John Otopal reported that their community clean up day at the rec. park will be held on April 21st. He asked the Town Board to consider purchasing a new batting cage net to put inside the batting cage and for four inches of slate dust to be put down in the batting cage and pads in the batting boxes. He said that kids dig holes in the batting boxes and the cages would be used more if they had one good cage. He also asked that the low spots in the fields be filled in with dirt.

He then stated that South Glens Falls Baseball is committing \$10,000.00 to the Town to be used solely for a new snack bar.

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John Otoupal stated that there is an electrician who has volunteered to install a new electrical line from the breaker through existing conduit to an outlet for the new fryer in the concession stand. He asked if there was a problem with this being done.

Supervisor Jenkins said that this couldn't be done for liability reasons. He said that the cost won't be that much and the Town will have their own electrician come in and do this. He is licensed and insured.

John Otoupal said he didn't care how it got done as long as it got done. It has to be done and ready for their opening day April 28th.

Supervisor Jenkins assured him it would get done.

Bob Vittengl described the proposed addition to the concession stand.

John Otoupal noted that for the last two years there has been water seeping through the wall and into the concession stand.

Brief discussion followed on this without a conclusion.

Supervisor Jenkins stated that if they put an addition on then the concession stand would be upgraded inside too he assumed. The board has to talk about price. It has been discussed for 3 ½ years and it is time to move ahead with it. It has been dealt with between the Town Board, South Glens Falls Baseball and the Recreation Commission and they haven't gotten anywhere. There are substantial funds that will be coming into the Town so we should be able to do this.

A comment was given that prompted Councilman Kusnierz to ask South Glens Falls Baseball if they were asking to be the exclusive operator of the concession stand and the answer he got was yes.

Supervisor Jenkins asked Steve Gram how many times last year anybody else besides South Glens Falls Baseball used the concession stand and Steve Gram replied none.

Supervisor Jenkins said that if an outside organization wants to use the concession stand then he would have a problem with it if South Glens Falls Baseball operated it for that organization.

Councilman Kusnierz stated that in his opinion, he couldn't give exclusive rights to an organization to use the concession stand that didn't pay for the concession stand in its entirety.

Supervisor Jenkins noted that South Glens Falls Baseball has spent almost \$40,000.00 on the concession stand.

Steve Gram stated that fencing needs to be replaced around one field at a time. The existing fencing is in bad shape. He got a quote last year for fencing around field 1 and it was about \$18,000.00.

Reed Antis asked who was going to be lead agency on these projects. He said that they keep going in a loop and nothing happens. He compared it to a hamster in a wheel and asked when the Town Board was going to get out off the wheel and get something accomplished.

Supervisor Jenkins replied the recreation director and the two council people who are liaisons on the recreation commission.

Reed Antis stated that there have been two board members who have been liaisons for the past three or four years and asked why they haven't gotten off the wheel.

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Supervisor Jenkins stated that he would put this on the agenda for the next Town Board Meeting to discuss and decide if the board wants to hire an engineer to help us move forward and get us information that we need.

Reed Antis asked about the sewer system at the South Glens Falls Beach and where that was at.

Supervisor Jenkins said he has two prices to fix the problem and it will be on the agenda for the next Town Board Meeting.

Reed Antis asked if the problem would be fixed so the beach could be opened this summer and Supervisor Jenkins replied yes.

A motion was made by Councilman Prendergast and seconded by Councilwoman LeClair to adjourn the workshop at 8:20 p.m.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilman Vittengl	Yes
Councilman Prendergast	Yes
Councilwoman LeClair	Yes
Councilman Kusnierz	Yes
Supervisor Jenkins	Yes

Workshop adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Fleury
Town Clerk