

**Camp Harkness Advisory Committee**  
**Camp Harkness Office**  
**301 Great Neck Road**  
**August 23, 2012**  
**Minutes**

**Present:** Diane Harrington, Vicki Severin, Stan Soby, Ginny Hogan, April Dipollina, Bev Jackson, Ron Rasi,

**Others Present:** Neil Cobleigh, Charle & RoseAnna Smith, Ernie Smith, Marian Brown, Thomas Dailey, Carin Mancini, Jackson Pierre-Louis

**Called to Order:** at 10:35

**1. Approval of Minutes:**

Bev noted minutes didn't mention the family bathroom renovation. Discussion will be included in these minutes.

**2. Citizens Comments & Presentations: 0**

**3. Physical Plant:**

~We thank Oak Hill for purchasing new big & better wheels for the train. They work wonderfully.

~More speed bumps are suggested for the road going to the beach. There is a blind spot on the turn & it can be a safety issue. Ernie will add more bumps & post a few speed limit signs.

~Fire pits for bon fires & grilling are being considered for the tent sites. Ernie found some that are wheelchair accessible

~RV size limitations were discussed. This will be revisited.

Note: Rule #1 for the camp sites states RV & equipment should be behind the post. This is not happening.

~The family bathroom will be expanded by either moving a panel back or by putting up a curtain so it is easier to move around in a wheelchair. Privacy is a consideration. A call button is also being installed. A light switch will be installed in the bathroom area. This will light up outside to call for help.

~Ernie has met with contractors about the new windows & doors for the dining hall. All bids should be in place by October.

~Ernie has gotten quotes for two charcoal grills. One would replace the gas grill in the Grace Curtis Pavilion. The second grill would be portable to be used in the park when needed.

There are ongoing problems with the cleaning of the grill.

There will be further discussion on this matter.

**4. Camp Harkness Fund:**

~The Camp Harkness Fund met with their accountant. The 501(c)3 status is almost complete. Merck has a donation matching program but the 501(c)3 needs to be complete for the paperwork to be sent in. A \$500 matching donation is pending.

~The fund will meet every month the Wednesday night before the scheduled Thursday Camp Harkness Advisory meeting. (3:30)

~The fund is discussing donation guidelines. Two policies will be in place. One policy will be for the fund and another for the Camp Harkness Camp. They will be very similar.

### **5. Summer Camp:**

~Summer Music has been very generous with giving tickets to the camps for the concerts.

~The camp season is complete. The cabins are all reserved for the upcoming weeks.

~The camp directors meet every two weeks during the summer to discuss how things are working out. They meet every 6 weeks during the rest of the year.

~There has been good feedback on the summer menu. Nice healthy choices. The concession contract ends this year.

~The committee discussed next summer scheduling a later shift to help with camp security.

~Camp Usage for July was handed out.

### **6. Booster Club:**

~A certified eviction letter was sent to Mr. Kramm that represents The Booster Club. The post office box for the Booster Club was cancelled but the address was forwarded to Mr. Kramm's home. The state will post a public eviction notice once they are sure the letter has been received.

~The eviction date is still September 24.

~Oak Hill has been to the High Hopes program. They were pleased that it was more than just riding. The campers also enjoyed much more. (ie: petting, grooming).

### **7. Appointments/Reappointments:**

The state has sent forms to the applicants. The committee is hoping the positions will be approved before the November election.

### **8. Hot Spots:**

~The internet provider has been changed from Sprint to Verizon.

The Meeting Adjourned at 11:30

**Next Meeting: April 26, 2012 Camp Harkness**

**Respectfully submitted by:**

Diane Harrington, Secretary