

**Parks & Recreation
September 2023
Town Board Meeting**

RECREATION:

- Fall soccer has started, our participation is higher than last year.
- Our programming has slowed slightly with school starting, the current list includes football, soccer, horseback riding and swimming.
- Several lacrosse teams are renting field space from us at the Town Barn field.
- Cornell and Ithaca College club softball teams will be renting field space from us this Fall.
- Our trails group has been meeting regularly and I think we are making good progress.
- We have hosted several Modified soccer games for the school.
- Small Fry Football is doing well with several wins thus far, looking like another great season.
- Wildflower seeds have been planted along the ball field ditches and in front of the Baker BBQ pavilion. We hope that it will look beautiful this Spring.
- Budget 2024 packets have been distributed in board members mailboxes.
- I have also sent emails concerning 2023 budgetary items for board members to review.
- We are working on updating our website and phone system.

PARKS:

- On September 15th, Myers Park hosted the annual POW/MIA Watch Fire. Another great tradition that we hope will continue for many years to come.
- We are still working on distributing the last bit of playground mulch that was delivered to us. Getting around the playground structures is a little tricky with our equipment.
- The front flower bed has been planted with mums for the upcoming Fall season.
- I have been added to the Cayuga Lake Hydrilla task force, they meet monthly. We have discovered some in our marina area.
- We have received donated logs from Cascadilla Tree service to replace the concrete barriers at Salt Point and make it look more natural. This project will be put on the schedule.
- Lansing Lighthouse 5k was held August 26th, again a very successful fundraiser.
- Myers Park guarded swimming is closed. We continue to check for harmful algae blooms daily. Several have been spotted around us but nothing along Myers Park lakeshore or Salt Point.
- The last day for camping is October 9th.
- Boats in the marina and dry dock must be out by November 1st.