Event Review

- The Easter Egg Hunt held on March 24 was enjoyed by over 200 children in the morning and another 40 teens in the evening. Information for next year’s hunt will give more details regarding event times. Between now and next Easter a new Easter Bunny photo backdrop will be built.

Current Project Update

- No response from FEMA in the recovery of funds for water damage caused during last year’s high lake levels. The Park remains optimistic.
- The 2018 community Art Project is well underway. Twenty-five shutters are out to perspective local artists with a return date of mid-May. As in the past the art project will be auctioned off at the Summer Send-Off event on August 25th. Next year’s project will be spools and the current plan for 2020 is chairs.
- Added children’s activities during Summer Send Off are being considered which may an obstacle course, nerf darts, kid’s coral and perhaps a rock climbing wall. There will be no movie in 2018.

Program Update

- Thus far 74 individuals have signed up for the PICK UP THE PARK initiative.
- The Five Year Plan update, currently in progress, will be based in part on survey results. The survey form and format were discussed along with possible means of distribution. Theme for the next 5 year plan may be Invest in yourself.
- An emphasis will be put on the development of passive recreation during 2018. The Outdoor Class Room and a number of bird feeders and bird watching stations will be developed.
- The Ore Bed will be seeing park owned kayaks in the near future.

Alcohol Use in Casey Park

- There was a brief discussion allowing permitted alcohol use in specific portions of the park for specific events. This subject may be brought to the town board in the near future. No specifics are proposed at this time. The Parks & Rec. Advisory Board are generally supportive of the idea, but more information is needed.

Upcoming Events

- Pick up the Park – April 21st 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.
- The usual Summer Music Series is in the planning stages. Dates to follow.
- Summer Send Off – August 25th.

Next Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting

April 25, 2018
Park Office, 6:30 p.m.
6551 Knickerbocker Rd
Ontario, NY