

**Camp Harkness Advisory Committee**  
**Camp Harkness Office**  
**301 Great Neck Road**  
**July 25, 2019**  
**Minutes**

**Present:** Stan Soby, Betsie Danforth, Heather Dieberger, Shannon Aiello, Bev Jackson, MaryAnn Langdon, April Dipollina, Vicki Severin, Dan Steward

**Others Present:** John Massicotte, John Rogers, Luz Taylor, Steve Fish, John Gasper, Sharon Liberty

**1. Call to Order:** 10:36 AM

**2. Public Comment:**

Vicki introduced guests Steve Fish and John Gasper. The gentlemen were attending the meeting to present their proposal of a donation of an antique fire truck to Camp Harkness. They outlined possible plans to restore and retro fit the vehicle to accommodate passengers (campers) to use as a recreation vehicle. The cost of the restoration, maintenance or storage was discussed, and options were suggested. The Committee opened to further discuss feasibility and fund-raising efforts.

**3. Additions to Agenda:** None

**4. Approval of Minutes:**

April motioned to accept June 27, 2019 minutes. MaryAnn seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

**5. Correspondence:** None

**6. Camp Harkness Foundation:**

**A. Summer Fest**

- Plans are moving forward

**B. Play Group**

- April reported that the program is going strong
- Parents appreciate the opportunity
- Kids enjoy activities including music, train rides and animals at the Barn

**C. Fundraising**

- Foundation received \$160 donation from Scoops and Sprinkles night – thanks to Bev’s friend
- Vicki introduced and thanked Lori Daniels whose brother attends Camp for her fantastic efforts in acquiring donations for Summer Fest (Xbox, gift cards, baskets, paper goods, rolls)
- Train Show event is scheduled for Nov 9, 2019 – G-scale train operators will come to look at the space and clarify if a steam engine permit is needed

**7. Old Business**

**A. Camp Report**

**i. Physical Plant:**

- John reported
- Interviews for position of a general trades work for Camp Harkness will begin next week
- Issue with backed up sewer drain continued – concern with wipes being flushed in toilets
- Vicki put trash cans in all bathrooms and signs to remind users
- Roots from tree remain a problem – the tree will have to be removed

- Remarking on parking lots will be done; putting in more accessible spots
- Two (2) new beech trees were planted yesterday

**ii. Camp Usage/Events:**

- Vicki gave June report (see attached)
- Summer Fest – July 27, 2019

**iii. Camp Operations:**

- Jackie very busy with passes

**iv. Sails:**

- Betsie still pursuing appointment; looking at dates for August

**v. Other:**

- Governor's visit: Stan has not received any response to several emails; he will possibly have an opportunity today to contact staff

**B. DDS Updates**

- John reported
- Respite are open
- Working on emergency housing units
- Increased push to assistive technology and technical training
- Stan reported no rate relief – providers have had several years of flat funding causing a decrease in services

**C. Advocacy Update - Legislative**

- Dan Steward and Kathleen McCarty will attend Summer Fest

**8. New Business:** none

**10. Adjournment:** 12:05 PM

**Next Meeting:** August 22, 2019 at Camp Harkness

**Respectfully submitted by:** Shannon Aiello, Secretary