



**PARK BOARD SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES-PARK SITE TOUR**

June 24, 2026

5:00 pm, Cove Boat Ramp, 306A Cove Road

Members Present: Jill Berke, Mark Swanson, Alicia Schneider, Adrian Missy, Gary Sumner

Members Absent: Michele McElmeel; one position is vacant

Others present: Park Ranger Chris Haroldson

1. Call to Order

Chair Berke called the meeting of the Town of Troy Park Board to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Cove Boat Ramp, 306A Cove Road

a. Observe and consider, possible site improvements and potential projects

Signs and town notices need to reflect park name, Cove Boat Ramp, and not landing or launch in accordance with town ordinances. The paybox is leaning and will be repositioned. Ranger Haroldson would like to see the Town accept electronic payment.

b. Observe and consider, recent repairs to boat dock

Park Board members observed recent replacement boards installed on the dock by the Public Works. Chair Berke reported that Admin. Carlson is getting quotes from Windmill Marina for future dock upgrades to compare to the cost of having Public Works complete the project. Member Missy suggested getting another quote from a different marina as well. There is significant board rot near the handicap access stairs.

In recent tour of the boat ramp by Chair Berke, Cedar Planner Eric Fowle questioned whether a second ramp access to the north should be considered. General consensus was that there doesn't appear to be adequate space between town and private property on the north boundary; further, additional parking spaces may not be available to justify a second dock. Ranger Haroldson noted that the Rangers receive frequent complaints about the lack of parking.

3. Pemble's Access, 193 Glenmont Road

a. Observe and consider, possible site improvements and potential projects

The bike rack has significant leaf overgrowth from existing tree stump that needs to be removed to access the rack. Ranger Haroldson noted that bees like to nest in the tree stumps; Chair Berke will ask Public Works to clear leaf growth around up to 3 stumps and to consider having tree service chip stumps. The fencing looks good. There was discussion about adding picnic tables; they would need to be chained so they don't end up in the river and would also need to be moved during high water times. Vegetation could be trimmed back along the fence and around the garbage cans. There was discussion on the sand and if that could be better; this could be a volunteer project for raking and picking up debris. The Park Board discussed adding a convex mirror at corner of steep entrance road (AKA Beach Rd.) for improving visibility and safety when leaving park.

4. Glover Park, 428 North Glover Road

a. Observe and consider, parking and overflow parking enhancements

There are no tournaments at Glover Park this year. Next year we could potentially spray paint parking spaces in the overflow area. The signage looks good but the ash tree that the "parking" sign is nailed to needs to be removed. Suggestion that sign be removed from dead tree since there is a permanent sign directing visitors to the overflow parking area.

b. Observe and consider, routine trail overgrowth clearing

Burdock and buckthorn was noted on Woodland Flower Trail. Board hiked area between Eagle trail and Woodland Flower Trail that the Correctional Center crew and volunteers cleared this past spring to observe method used for creating brush piles for buckthorn and other invasives. There are a few loose trail signs that need to be repaired. Volunteer Pam Ellingson has done a great job on Bluff Trail and other trails, clearing overgrowth with a weed whip.

c. Observe and consider, placement of dog waste garbage receptacle at entrance to Woodland Flower Trail and/or Bluff Trails

The proposed location of the dog waste receptacle was observed at entrance to Woodland Flower Trail; Chair Berke is working with Clerk to order. This is a central location to accommodate hikers with dogs using the trails west of the ball fields.

d. Consider other site observations and potential projects

Chair Berke would like some pictures of the bike repair station to promote it on the Town's Facebook page. Member Swanson noted the Allen wrenches are starting to rust; Chair asked him to lubricate. It was suggested by member Missy to consider a grant from the Hudson Hospital Foundation or perhaps the Hudson Fire and EMS about placing AED's in parks.

Last year's burn project was observed in native area across from the N. parking lot and considered successful. The new accessible picnic table has been installed at Hein Pavilion. Chair Berke will ask Admin. Carlson to order some more eco engineered wood chips for the playground surface. The excavator toy needs more sand.

There was discussion on the main playground structure being dated and if accessible/adaptive equipment was a possibility. Both ball fields look great. The crabapple tree by the pollinator garden and northwest kiosk should be removed; Chair Berke will follow up with this. The picnic table by the northwest kiosk could also use some repairs. Member Sumner counted approx.. 24 ash trees that need to be removed, possibly by JCE Tree Service, located along north Eagle Trail and along the entrance road near N. parking area. Supr. Schneider suggested that the Park Board consider at future meeting marking the two pickleball courts, either by letters or numbers.

5. Adjournment

Member Swanson moved to adjourn the meeting; second by member Sumner. Motion unanimously carried. The June 24th, 2026 special meeting of the Town of Troy Park Board adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Randall
Secretary, Town of Troy Park Board