

A Regular Town Board meeting was held on March 21, 2019 at Lysander Town Hall, 8220 Loop Road, Baldwinsville, New York.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph Saraceni, Supervisor
Peter Moore, Councilor
Robert Geraci, Councilor
Roman Diamond, Councilor
Robert Ellis, Councilor

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Dina Falcone, Town Clerk; Tony Rivizzigno, Town Attorney; Al Yager, Town Engineer; David Rahrle, Comptroller; Theresa Golden, Assessor, and several residents.

Supervisor Saraceni called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the Pledge to the Flag.

Public Hearing No. 1
Amendment to the 5 Year Community Development Block Grant Plan
and the 2019 Community Development Block Grant Application

Town Clerk Dina Falcone read the proof of publication of the legal notice as follows: *“The legal notice was published in the Post Standard on March 10, 2019. Please take notice that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Lysander on Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at Town Hall, 8220 Loop Road, Baldwinsville, New York 13027, to hear all people for or against the proposed amendment to the 5 year Community Development Block Grant Plan, and the 2019 Community Development Block Grant Application, for the Town of Lysander Fire Protection Project. Please take further notice that the environmental significance of said plan will be reviewed by the Town Board of the Town of Lysander incident to and as a part of said public hearing. Copies of proposed plan are available for review at the office of the Town Clerk. By order of the Town Board of the Town of Lysander, dated March 7, 2019.”*

RES#61/2019

A motion to open the Public Hearing occurred at 7:01 PM. The motion was made by Councilor Geraci and seconded by Councilor Ellis.

Supervisor Saraceni	Aye	Councilor Ellis	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Aye		

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

CITIZENS COMMENTS REGARDING PUBLIC HEARING:

Kevin Rode of Greymoor Way: *I was looking over the budget for the grant, and I just want to clarify that Plainville Fire District and North West Fire District are the municipalities for the funding there's just they applying through the town?*

Supervisor Saraceni: *We are not expending any money, we are partnering with those fire districts in the application process and some of the technical aspects of the jobs, but no, the funding will come through Plainville Fire District at a rate of \$3,350K and the North West Fire District at an estimate of \$6,700.*

Kevin Rode: *Is this, or CDGB, set up so fire districts can apply for? Is this why we are doing it this way?*

Supervisor Saraceni: *You know, yeah, I'll make some comments when we go, because I am going to brief everyone.*

Kevin Rode: *That was my biggest thing because it is in fire districts and other parts of the town are not.*

Supervisor Saraceni: *Good questions.*

Gene Dinsmore of Highland Drive: *This is all good stuff, and I think that I'd like to see the Lysander Town Park idea of that, the drainage of the ballfields in the park is a long overdue thing that's been talked about forever with the Town Engineer, and funding, let's get it done. Let's not be, how do you handle it? They've been playing ball up there in the mud for a long time, it's far more...*

Supervisor Saraceni: *This is the Lysander Town Park? Ok.*

Gene Dinsmore: *And one other issue, Copperknoll is misspelled. Take the K out O.W...*

Supervisor Saraceni: *Thanks, Gene. I'll make a quick comment on Lysander Park. We are keeping that on the five year plan, and currently it's not an eligible site. We will continue to work with the county to make a case that the Lysander Park should be included. And CDBG grant applications, that's why it's number 5. We tried to get number 5.*

Gene Dinsmore: *What I'm saying, whether you get it on this, or out of the General Fund, or where you get it from, that is a long overdue thing that needs to be taken care of. How we can, you know, spend half a million dollars introducing more water which hopefully won't interfere with the fields, but we have a water problem up there, and before we do anything, we ought to fix the water problem.*

Supervisor Saraceni: *Thanks Gene.*

RES#62/2019

Hearing all comments, a motion to close the public hearing occurred at 7:08 PM. The motion was made by Councilor Diamond and seconded by Councilor Ellis.

Supervisor Saraceni	Aye	Councilor Ellis	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Aye		

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

Public Hearing No. 2
Placement of a "STOP" sign on Mercer Street
entering the Giddings Trail Afternoon Drive Intersection

Town Clerk Dina Falcone read the proof of publication of the legal notice as follows: *"The legal notice was published in the Post Standard on March 10, 2019. Please take notice that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Lysander on Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at Town Hall, 8220 Loop Road, Baldwinsville, New York 13027, to hear all people for or against placement of a "STOP" sign on Mercer Street entering the Giddings Trail Afternoon Drive intersection to amend Section 295-47 of the Lysander Town Code. Please take further notice that the environmental significance of said local law will be reviewed by the Town Board of the Town of Lysander incident to and as a part of said public hearing. Copies of proposed local law are available for review at the office of the Town Clerk. By order of the Town Board of the Town of Lysander, dated March 7, 2019.*

RES#63/2019

A motion to open the Public Hearing occurred at 7:09 PM. The motion was made by Councilor Ellis and seconded by Councilor Moore.

Supervisor Saraceni	Aye	Councilor Ellis	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Aye		

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

CITIZENS COMMENTS REGARDING PUBLIC HEARING:

None.

RES#64/2019

Hearing no comments, a motion to close the public hearing occurred at 7:10 PM. The motion was made by Councilor Geraci and seconded by Councilor Diamond.

Supervisor Saraceni	Aye	Councilor Ellis	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Aye		

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

Councilor Geraci asked if this "STOP" sign request came from a resident, or from TOL. **Mr. Yager** said since this is a new development, it is a normal thing that TOL would recommend. He said it was put

on the agenda because of the Phase 3A application and that dedication application which was withdrawn. The public hearing was already scheduled so the Board may as well move forward, and the developer will install the stop sign once the road is completed.

Supervisor Saraceni noted that items “F” and “G” will be tabled. He said that with the contingent of young people at the meeting, he believed that they wanted to possibly make comments on those items. He asked that if they still do, to come forward. Even though the items will be tabled they will be on the agenda in two weeks. He said it would be better to have comments on the record, so that the people don’t necessarily have to come back in two weeks and let their thoughts be known on those items.

Supervisor Saraceni said item “I” is added to the agenda, which he will open [for comments] to the public. If there are any issues against it, it is to modify the Vehicle Use Policy, which would ban political activities in Town owned vehicles. He said that if anyone has a problem with that, and if people think that town employees should be allowed to use Town owned vehicles for political purposes, then they would have an issue with item “I”. If no one has an issue with that, then, TOL is probably in good standing with this motion.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Melissa Tommy with her son Gabriel of Killoe Road said they have been working to advocate with the splash park for about two years. They came to the original meeting where Supervisor Saraceni and Mr. Burkinshaw presented the concept of the spray park. Ms. Tommy and her son spend a lot of time at the Camillus splash park, and she said when they found out TOL was interested in one, they wanted to become involved. They are involved in the splash park committee, and in the meantime have worked with the committee to make the project a reality. They have held fundraisers, stuffed pizza boxes, attended the Big Trucks Little Kids event, and attended Mercer Park festivals where they handed out pamphlets to try and share the idea. Ms. Tommy said she was hoping to hear a little bit more about getting the budget passed so that the kids could actually see the results of all of their hard work and hopes in a couple of weeks it will happen. She said the Easter event is April 7th at the Fireside Inn. Other events for fundraisers were discussed.

Joan Foster of Carousel Lane has been a resident for over 40 years and she wanted to comment and say that the splash park would be a tremendous asset to the community. She has a daughter who lives in Ohio and they have a splash park there and she takes their grandkids and they enjoy it. She knows there are concerns with drainage and other issues, but she said that can all be worked out, and nothing comes free, but she hopes this budget is going to be passed, and she looks forward to the spray park being built. She spoke twice in favor of the spray park and its benefits to her family and the community.

Kevin Rode of Greymoor Way mentioned the OCWA leases in motion “C” and asked if that is a normal length of time. **Supervisor Saraceni** said “yes” and that TOL signed some leases with the Village of Baldwinsville, and they were for 40 years. He said currently TOL is looking to update and have all of their leases up to date, and adopted at the same time. He said he would mention more information when that motion comes up and some of the things that are being worked on. He reiterated that length of time is typical, and there are no other options besides OCWA. He said no one is competing for that business, so it is a pretty standard agreement.

Mr. Rode said he knew that the motions for the equipment (F and G) were tabled regarding the spray park, and mentioned that he received the record of the bids that came in in February. He said he added the numbers for those two items and the total comes to a little over \$200K. He questioned Phase I, and what is Phase I as opposed to the entire project.

Supervisor Saraceni said *“This meeting is a good place to share accurate information: When the bond resolution went down, we anticipated not only building a splash pad but also an additional pavilion, because we need pavilion space anyways with increased restrooms; which actually, I think was changing rooms/rest rooms, and I believe a constituent, Victoria Shires, came up with that concept. At first we thought we had plenty of space and I figured if we are going to bond for it - Camillus recommend we build it outright - and when the bond resolution went down, thankfully Senator DeFrancisco came up with another \$100K so we broke the project down into Phase I which is basically the concrete pad, the fencing, the benches and the Phase II is like the complementary things that we were looking to build around it, to not only complement the splash pad but the needs that we had in the park, so Phase II was going to be a pavilion, and bathrooms enhancements. That was another \$100K that Senator DeFrancisco came up with.”*

Mr. Rode referenced the work session and the current money, and asked if TOL physically has that money.

Supervisor Saraceni said *“No, as the \$100K grant is a reimbursement grant. We have \$240K in In Lieu of Parks fees, and we would probably have to authorize a temporary transfer out of unallocated, or contingency; either one of those and then we are reimbursed by the state and those funds are replenished. Once it is approved it is quick to receive the money. It differs from the grant application process; once it is approved by the state which they put the final stamp on; Phase II is still in process. We will not entertain Phase II until we jump through all the hoops we need to until we get the \$100K.”*

Mr. Rode asked about the quotes/bids as he didn't see where the bid from Tarolli covers the actual physical building of the pad. **Mr. Yager** said (and some of this is inaudible) Tarolli's part will be pumping, masonry, and there will separate items for that labor, but he did say that there will be more legwork on his part.

Mr. Rode asked what we have an estimate on and what that is that going to be. **Mr. Yager** said the total cost right now is \$325K for Phase I. He said originally Phase I was at \$285K in contractor costs; since it is summer, it appears there's a lot of work out there, and they aren't hungry, they don't sharpen their pencils.

Mr. Rode said there were various discussions and he (and others) carried petitions for the bond, and TOL is over 20% on what it is doing now, and with the Engineer doing a lot more of the project that was planned. He asked how far down we are going to go on this road. He asked this as he said TOL estimated over \$40K. He said it is almost 20%. The next part comes in 20% over; he asked, “Do we just keep saying yes?”

Supervisor Saraceni said, *“I think we have a pretty good estimate as far as a research goes on what those other bids are going to come in at. There's a process that has to take place. RFPs have to be sent out, we have to see what those numbers are; fortunately, the only numbers we won't know about equates to about 25% of the project, so it's not even if it was well over what we'd anticipated, the impact will be small relative to the cost of the project. We are going to have to cross that bridge when we get there.”*

Casey Ostrander of Echodale Avenue read a statement in favor of the spray park as follows:

“My family and I moved to Baldwinsville about 10 years ago and we love this community. Baldwinsville has many great places that bring people together from the many restaurants, bars, youth sports, schools, and social events. I believe that there are great people that have built this community and are continuing to build this community. Parks are an area that invite people to come together, enjoy nature, and to facilitate recreation. Lysander Park is an asset of the town that is vastly underutilized. This is an asset that needs development to bring out its full value.

We have an opportunity to invest in this park where almost half of the money comes from a grant and close to half could come from a fund that is limited in scope in the ability to use for much else. I feel this issue has become a political football where a narrative has been circulated that puts this project into question. This is not a political issue. This is an investment in our community and most importantly in our kids.

The proposed spray park is almost 50% funded by grant money and a large chunk of the remaining funds have been set aside. Imagine that financial situation applied to other situations like a new dump truck, paving, etc. I realize this is an expenditure that is above and beyond what has to happen in the town but I believe investments like this are what have moved Baldwinsville from a factory town to a friendly and inviting place that people across the county are flocking to. Even if it takes an investment, I really believe it is something people can enjoy a lot more of.

We have great parks in Onondaga County and we have two of the best employees from the park system on our town board. Bob Geraci the head of parks for Onondaga County and Bob Ellis the head of Onondaga Lake Park. We have the dream team of park expertise on this board. I believe that good leadership involves letting people operate in their areas of strength.

I am excited to see the Spray park move forward. I am excited to see my kids play, meet new friends, and make memories in this park. Our community is worth investing in and I encourage our board and the wider community to support this project. Thank you.”

Kim Lane of Woods Road said she has been in corporate business since she was 18, and since she has joined the Lysander Spray Park Committee, and has had a “crash course in politics”. She said this has been a very interesting journey and has learned a lot along the way. Ms. Lane said she is personally honored to be a part of it; being at the events, something as simple as an ice cream social; people coming out to talk to the committee, answering questions, etc. She said at the Big Trucks event kids were coming over and they were excited to play games and talk about the spray park. She said it is the little things like that that bring us together and the hometown feel that she thinks our town brings to a place that is really close to a city that doesn’t always get that. She feels that a spray park is a progressive item to have in this town. Its handicap accessible, it would be free to use, and not a lot of kids always have access to those things; if you are not of means, and if you are not fully able, there are so many good things that could come of it. She addressed the Board and said she hopes that when they vote, they remember those events, and remember the people who are excited about it; the people that stop you in the grocery store who thought it would open already. The community wants it, and it is going to be a really great thing for our town.

Gene Dinsmore of Highland Drive said you would have said to justify [the spray park] and that the Board’s “Parks veterans” are well aware that they tried to put one of these in Jamesville Beach, over years ago.

Councilor Geraci said that was not true, and if Mr. Dinsmore is going to make statements he should fact check. He said it was not a spray park, but a water park.

Mr. Dinsmore said Mr. Ostrander’s rationale is “off base”. Mr. Dinsmore said he did his due diligence and went to Camillus every time there was a specifically hot day, as that’s when you can enjoy a spray park, and there are not that many [hot days] in Central New York. He said he went to the park 8 times, from July to September, and took his pad and took attendance. He counted the number of small children aged ten and under, as he estimated the age. He said there was never more than 6 to 8 children in that age group. One time, he counted 17 kids. Mr. Dinsmore continued and said occasionally they do get some play over there, and when it was brand new, they got a lot of people, and everybody got excited, and the spray park praise went throughout Central New York. He said if you look around you will find out that the City of Syracuse had a similar version which they have since taken out. He said he didn’t know the specific reasons why they took it out.

Mr. Dinsmore said he went to Oswego last summer to observe the [spray pad] there; it is a modest one, but it is in fact the splash pad/spray pad, and there was only 1 kid in there. One teenager, because there was something going on in the boat harbor next to it, and that’s where all the people were. They are not getting much play out of it, so I question not spending the money on this park. He suggested ballfields, walking trails, more picnic shelters, and that TOL is under-spent on its parks. He agreed with Mr. Ostrander, as TOL has not spent a reasonable amount of money and time and effort developing the property. The drainage [problems] since it was donated to TOL 30 years ago, and there are lots of things that could be done with that park. Mr. Dinsmore said the park needs a lot of work and a lot of things could be done instead of spending “this kind of money on a fancy amusement”. He said if someone goes and sits and watches one of these parks in action as he did, the kids have a blast, they are a lot of fun, but it requires really hot weather, and the water hopefully isn’t too cold. He suggested going to the spray parks and taking attendance.

Taylor Rector of Mercer Street said that his kids spent a few days at a spray park last year (he has a one year old and three year old), who have gone many times and they had a blast. He thinks the spray park is a great idea, and he speaks for a lot of people when he says that, including friends and family members. He said the spray park is a great investment for this community, and lot of kids will have fun and it is money well spent.

Supervisor Saraceni thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He said there will be action in two weeks regarding the spray park. The same agenda items plus two or three more will be on the agenda for consideration. He said if someone can’t attend the meeting, he will read the comments aloud on this project. He read other comments which were sent via email as follows:

Eric Bacon, Director of Parks and Recreation at the Town of Camillus: *“I wanted to send you a short note to wish you luck with your meeting next week that will hopefully allow you to move forward with your splash pad project. As a fellow public servant, I know the challenges and dedication that it takes to see good projects come to fruition. I believe that your patience and persistence will pay off and as a result, your residents will have a wonderful facility that they can enjoy for years to come. I look forward to hearing the outcome and as always, if I can assist you in anyway way please let me know.”*

Charla Roth of Edgewood Drive: *“I am writing to you to ask that you vote to approve the budget for the Lysander Spray Park next Thursday. The Spray Park will enrich our community and provide a benefit to all that you serve. The Lysander community needs more options for our young children to encourage outdoor play. I am excited for the opportunity, as I am positive this will bring more residents out of their homes and to our Lysander Park! I thank you for your time and consideration with this vote and hope that you vote to pass the budget so we can move forward as a community and provide more opportunities for us all!”*

Erica Jones of Luchsinger Lane: *“I am unable to attend the meeting next Thursday but did not want to miss the opportunity to let you, our elected Town Board, know that I support this project wholeheartedly and ask that you vote “YES”. A free, safe place for children of all abilities to play and socialize would make an amazing addition to our awesome, family oriented community! As a mom of two young boys and as a resident who moved here from Liverpool wanting to raise our children in this community, it’s a no brainer. Please vote “YES” for our kids!”*

Aimee Nash of Tabor Street: *“I write to you today, to ask that you vote to approve the budget for the Lysander Park Spray Park. The construction of a spray park will greatly enrich our beautiful community. The spray park will encourage the children of Lysander, and the greater Baldwinsville area, to be active in outdoor play. The design of the spray park allows children of all ages and ability levels to access every feature, and promotes an environment of inclusivity, which is not readily available in many community parks or pools currently. In addition, the community will also benefit from the influx of visitors to the spray park. Whether they stop to have dinner, or fill up their gas tanks, that will be more people patronizing our local businesses, and bringing more money to spend in our community. Perhaps some of the visitors end up liking our community so much, that they decide to move here, thus growing our tax base. I thank you for your time and consideration, and I ask that on Thursday, March 21st you vote to invest in the children of this community. I ask that you vote to promote an environment of inclusivity, and again, I ask you to vote to approve the budget for the Lysander Park Spray Park.”*

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS:

Councilor Diamond said he is glad the Board is not voting tonight on the spray park motions this evening. The Councilors thanked everyone for their comments and said they are looking forward to the next Town Board meeting and voting on the spray park project.

Supervisor Saraceni said (verbatim) *“This has been a project that has rolled out very slowly, and we did that on purpose. Even vetting the project, it was covered by PAC-B in the public outreach meetings. It was recorded on once there was momentum behind the project, I thought that it would be prudent to go after grant dollars, unfortunately when you go through that process it slows everything down. Typically approval for a SAM grant, is about a year and a half. We were able to get it in under a year, but in the meantime, we had a bond resolution where I think people were confused on what they were voting for, I think people thought they were voting in favor or against the project; I talked to many people who thought that. I talked with many people who were against bonding for it, but support the project. I think we have done an excellent job, the board the town in being very transparent about this project. I don’t know what else we could have done to be more transparent about a park improvement. So, I thank everyone who came out tonight. Two weeks, is a very short time compared to the work that we have put in up to this point so I ask that you be a little more patient. I thank everyone for coming out on both sides of the issue. This is not something that should split our community apart. I just ask that everybody put this project into perspective. This is a park improvement. This is a fully-funded park improvement. \$200K is coming from the State of New York. There is no grant tree; there is no magic tree where we just get grant dollars from we all pay tax dollars into grants that are spread out through New York State. Many times not landing back home. \$200K came back to us. The other part is that developers, when they come and build these big housing projects, the town has a choice, we either take land for another park, and spread our resources, or we take money to improve the one park that we have. And time after time, the town has chosen to take funding to improve the one large centrally located park that we have. No local tax dollars are funding this project. I said it in the work session and I’ll say it again and it’s too bad PAC-B isn’t here to record in anticipation of the project being built this year, the parks’ budget went down by \$2K. I don’t know I can’t put out enough fires that were started about this project, and that’s a shame. I do agree that it turned into a political football; I’ve been very open with my support on it and I have done everything in my ability to make sure that the taxpayers are not impacted by this park improvement.”*

Supervisor Saraceni said he tries to keep the community updated on initiatives: (Fence code, deck code, and LWRP (Local Waterfront Redevelopment Plan). There are 31 miles of waterfront from Cross Lake to Phoenix; the whole southern border is water, our whole eastern border is water up to Phoenix. LWRP offer an opportunity to really explore recreational opportunities and economic opportunities along the waterfront. Once you have a LWRP in place it opens the floodgates for grant funding and can be a catalyst for businesses. In addition, the 5G cell tower network legislation has been introduced in work session, and the goal is to have legislation in place by the April 15 deadline set by the FCC. (Franchise fees, atheistic related to infrastructure and location, etc.).

Supervisor Saraceni said TOL has been presented with a template to work from, and there will be a public hearing established this evening. Discussion regarding CDBG commenced, specifically for the residents in the northwest corner of the town. He said that in working with CDBG, TOL does not get involved with that because there is so little area that is designated a need area, and the area that is designated we don't have a lot of infrastructure, and in regularly meeting with Cody, Plainville and North West there is the need for dry hydrants. There is a need for repair of dry hydrants. There are no water mains out in that area. He called CDBG and they were willing to entertain a grant application because so many people of need will be serviced by it. There is a process that plays out and there won't be results of the application until June. He liked working with those fire departments.

Supervisor Saraceni reminded the audience that on Thursday, April 11, (6:30 PM) TOL we will be hosting County Executive Ryan McMahon for a Town Hall meeting. Regarding speed zone issues on Route 370, he is working with residents for enhanced speed control and there will be a traffic control device and speed traps set in that area.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

RES#65/2019

Motion by Councilor Ellis seconded by Councilor Geraci to adopt the February 21, 2019 and Town Board Meeting minutes.

Supervisor Saraceni	Aye	Councilor Ellis	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Abstain	Councilor Diamond	Abstain		

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

RES#66/2019

Motion by Councilor Diamond seconded by Councilor Moore to adopt the March 7, 2019 Town Board Meeting minutes.

Supervisor Saraceni	Aye	Councilor Ellis	Abstain	Councilor Geraci	Abstain
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Aye		

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Tony Burkinshaw, Parks and Recreation Supervisor thanked the Board for their support of the spray park project. He said this was a perfect item that helped him to focus on outdoor recreation and get people to come and visit the park, and it's something that is going to draw people to the park. It is something they are looking for. He noted that the spray park proposal goes back two to three years ago when TOL decided to focus on drawing people into the park. He thanked the spray park committee, and their involvement in everything they have done; giving up countless hours and time, and meetings, and putting special events together. He said there are many people out there that are energetic and enthusiastic about the project and they want to see it through. The committee (and others) have been doing a lot behind the scenes to make the spray park a reality. **Mr. Burkinshaw** noted that Mr. Ostrander hit the nail on the head with what he said. "It is the quality of life, a way to bring community together", and he knows that if this project is to happen, that it is the shot in the arm that the park and his department needs. He also said that it is important to bring the infrastructure up to what it needs to be, and drawing more people into using our facilities and getting the nice things that we need in that park. He knows there are things we can use at that park, but something like [the spray park] in our community and brought to our park and community, is looking at those other things and bring bringing them back up to where we need to be. It is a capital improvement project, and it is well overdue.

Mr. Burkinshaw said that the Earth day project is Saturday, April 27th. They need volunteers from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM for mulching the playground and around trees. Parks is working with Kiwanis and the fishing derby will be Saturday May 25th, at Mercer Park, 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM, for ages 13 and under. It is a free program. The first fifty kids get a free fishing pole. For more information on parks events, contact the Parks and Recreation Department.

Theresa Golden reported that change of assessment notices were mailed out. Preliminary change notices totaled 4,789. She said their procedure is always the same. They start with sale price adjustments that are determined by NYS Office of Real Property Tax Services, and those time adjustments are applied to sales that determine where the level of assessments is. The adjustments over the past 4 years for TOL as a whole plus 8% for residential properties. The 2019 review of neighborhoods, indicated 10 neighborhoods with a level of assessment of between 84% and 95%, which does not pass the requirement to be 100%. All of those neighborhoods were re-appraised. In addition, 14 neighborhoods were trended up plus 3% or plus 5% depending on their level of assessment and the last time they had a change. That range was 72% to 93%. The level of assessment determined by comparing numbers that the state generates; numbers that she generates, by neighborhood, house style, and everything, and we compare all those numbers and come up with a plan of how to maintain the assessment role at 100%. It is the same procedure every year. At the bottom of the notice it states when she is available for meetings and for comments; they are open for business taking phone calls and she will be meeting with property owners next week and two full weeks in a row, as well as a couple of evenings that we have scheduled. As for the income verification program that is mandatory for the STAR exemption, this year the deadline is Monday. She has an interim report that all of the information that they had to glean from most applications and put into the state database by Monday is in. The only ones that aren't in are the ones that are still awaiting income, or proof of age, or something that they can't prove the exemption for.

Supervisor Saraceni said the Town Board has nothing to do with the assessments of this town. It is an office unto itself. He posed a hypothetical question regarding a stub street becoming a new development and how those homes are assessed.

Ms. Golden said she reviews the type of homes they are putting in, and a good example of this is Timber Banks. When Timber Banks was put in as a new development, there were different types of houses and the golf course. An individual neighborhood code was created specifically for Timber Banks, and when the assessor is looking to value properties in Timber Banks it looks only at the sales that are occurring in that neighborhood. The same thing has been done in Radisson, as it is broken up: Townhouses are a specific neighborhood, and because Radisson encompasses a lot of years, single family houses are broken out into three neighborhoods by age.

Dina Falcone, Town Clerk asked the Board for permission to post the recording of this meeting on the website since PAC-B is not in attendance. They agreed. She also noted that the Planning Board meeting has been rescheduled to April 15th. **Ms. Falcone** asked that the wording for the public hearing in motion "H" be changed to be consistent with other motions.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

MOTION TO APPROVE THE REVISED CDBG 5 YEAR PLAN AND APPLICATION FOR THE LYSANDER FIRE PROTECTION PROJECT

RES#67/2019

Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Moore to approve the revised Community Development Block Grant five (5) year plan and the 2019 Community Block Grant Application for the Town of Lysander Fire Protection project.

Supervisor Saraceni	Aye	Councilor Ellis	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Aye		

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

Discussion:

Supervisor Saraceni said dry hydrants access streams or ponds and an engine will pull water from a natural water source. The projects will be located at six sites that passed the vetting process. He thanked Mr. Allen with the assistance of one of the dry hydrant. Dry hydrants will be on Lamson Road, a repair on Prine Road, a repair on Plainville Road, and a repair between Lamson Road and Church Road.

MOTION TO APPROVE A LOCAL LAW TO PLACE A “STOP” SIGN ON MERCER STREET ENTERING THE GIDDINGS TRAIL AFTERNOON DRIVE INTERSECTION

RES#68/2019

Motion made by Councilor Diamond seconded by Councilor Moore to approve a local law to place a “STOP” sign on Mercer Street entering the Giddings Trail Afternoon Drive intersection.

Supervisor Saraceni	Aye	Councilor Ellis	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Aye		

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE OCWA LEASES AND OPERATIONS AGREEMENTS

RES#69/2019

Motion made by Councilor Ellis seconded by Councilor Geraci to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the OCWA Leases and Operation Agreements.

Supervisor Saraceni	Aye	Councilor Ellis	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Aye		

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

Discussion:

There are hydrant concerns in Jack’s Reef and Hayes Road regarding access to hydrants. He has been in contact with OCWA on those issues and they will be addressed.

MOTION TO PROVISIONALLY APPOINT MELISSA MACCONAGHY TO THE FULL TIME POSITION OF REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT AIDE

RES#70/2019

Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Ellis to provisionally appoint Melissa MacConaghy to the full time position of Real Property Assessment Aide effective March 18th, 2019 at annual salary of \$37,000.

Supervisor Saraceni	Aye	Councilor Ellis	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Aye		

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

**MOTION TO HIRE MARY AUGUSTUS AS TEMPORARY
PART-TIME CLERK IN THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE**

RES#71/2019

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Diamond to hire Mary Augustus to the position of Temporary Part-time Clerk in the Assessor's office effective March 18, 2019 maximum 20 hours per week at \$14.00 per hour.

Supervisor Saraceni	Aye	Councilor Ellis	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Aye		

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE PROPOSAL FROM
LANDSCAPE STRUCTURES FOR TOL SPLASH PAD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$110,364.80**

TABLED

Motion made by _____ seconded by _____ to authorize the supervisor to sign the proposal from Landscape Structures for the equipment included in the Town of Lysander Splash Pad in the amount of \$110,364.80 under NYS OGS Contract #PC67833.

**AUTHORIZE DE TAROLLI TO COMPLETE
UP TO 20 DAYS OF WORK FOR TOL SPLASH PAD**

TABLED

Motion made by _____ seconded by _____ to authorize D.E. Tarolli to complete up to 20 days of work for the Town of Lysander splash pad project excavation, backfill, drainage improvements, and sanitary sewer force main installation under Onondaga County Contract #2857 at a rate of \$4,500 per day not to exceed a total expense of \$90,000 without prior authorization.

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE TOL TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AND
ADVERTISE FOR SAME REGARDING 5G TELECOMMUNICATIONS LOCAL LAW**

RES#72/2019

Motion made by Moore seconded by Diamond to authorize town to hold a public hearing on April 4, 2019 at 7:00 PM for the proposed 5G Telecommunications Local Law. (Draft local law to be provided by the Planning Board Attorney). This motion shall authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for same.

Supervisor Saraceni	Aye	Councilor Ellis	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Aye		

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

MOTION TO MODIFY VEHICLE USE POLICY

RES#73/2019

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Diamond to modify the Vehicle Use Policy banning political activities in all Town of Lysander owned vehicles.

Supervisor Saraceni	Aye	Councilor Ellis	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Aye		

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

Discussion:

Councilor Geraci said this is such common sense, and it's too bad we have to pass a resolution to do this. Councilor Moore agreed.

NEW BUSINESS (TOWN BOARD):

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilor Geraci and seconded by Councilor Diamond to adjourn the regular Town Board Meeting at 8:14 PM.

This is a true and complete recording
of the action taken at this meeting.

Dina Falcone, Town Clerk