

Grounds Report 2017

First, I would like to thank Craig Gillard for giving up his seat on the board so that I might continue as a director and Grounds Chairman for this past year. Even after 30 years of public service I continue to get my political education at the Pond.

Looking back, we have made some significant improvements to the buildings and grounds this past year. The Caretakers house had a bathroom upgrade, including a first ever bath fan. New carpet, paint, and a closet remodel were also handled by Caretaker Dan.

The Clubhouse was upgraded with a new hardwood floor in January. The hearth apron was completed in ceramic by a volunteer. Thanks to Big Bob. The camp store received a facelift and better shelving for marketing our pond apparel. Thank you to Jim & Darla Wilfard and company. And finally, major electrical updates under a National Grid Energy Program, were completed this fall. A special Thank You to Tim and Andy Sweeney for volunteering to install all the new fixtures. The association received a rebate of \$1,252.97 from National Grid for this project.

Three decaying trees were trimmed or removed this year. Pat Dermoty of Timber Cat Tree Service offered the Association his services at a discounted rate. He cut the trees to the ground and we removed the debris. Teamwork that saved money too.

The front foot bridge received a new railing and concrete balusters to assure that it wouldn't be hit again!

Camp A received new electrical services in the front row and upgrades to the hydrants at the same time. This was a major special project, funded by the association. Spectrum provided cable to run new cable service too. Four different volunteer electricians, staff, and volunteers worked to complete this project.

With the help of BOCES, we started the excavation of the Trap Field Road. The road was leveled, a new culvert installed and proposed parking area leveled too. Over 400 feet of 6 inch drainage tile plus catch basins were

installed this fall. Surface water from the trap field now runs freely to the creek in the area behind our neighbors pond, out front.

Drainage from the trout hatchery pool to the new duck pen was also addressed. The old rusted out and collapsed metal culvert was removed and replaced with heavy 8 inch water pipe. This needed to be done before the start of the duck pen rebuild.

All of these projects were in addition to the normal lawn mowing, wood cutting, pot hole filling, beach cleaning, and regular maintenance that occurs here on a daily basis. Even with some drama and personnel changes, member issues were addressed, the property looked good, and we received many positive comments from our members.

I would like say THANK YOU to everyone who shared a thought, offered to help, picked up trash, moved limbs and helped make the property look great for the season. Here are the ones I can remember.

Staff: Dan, *Austin* Fisher, Anthony Gallo, John Douvlos, Dominic Mogovero, Karen Maskell, Robin Thompson, & Jenn Teeter.
Lifeguards: Morgan Leaton, Julie Shoone, Randy Henning, & Grant Hertzler.

Volunteers: Ali & Juan from job service, Matt Hammon, Doug Landry, Charlie Knapp, Craig Gillard, Mike Rickard, Scott Murphy, Ron Sloat, Ray Patnode, Rich Branch, Buster McElwain, Ron Drock, Jim & Darla Wilfard,
Electricians: Tim Sweeney, Andy Sweeney, Tracy Pike, & Matthew McLean

BOCES Staff: Skip Swain & Mike Glaizer.

Craig Wilcox of Bergen Sales, & Lori Hammon & Joyce Shaw too!

It was my pleasure to serve as your Grounds Chairman and I look forward to working with the board and staff in the future. Thanks Again!

Respectfully Submitted,

