**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-2.14**

**OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF**

**THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

***ROSE Trust Fund Advisory Board Report and Recommendations***

**WHEREAS,** the Governing Body (“Governing Body”) of the Borough of Bloomingdale (“Borough”) finds and declares that the Recreation and Open Space Establishment (“ROSE”) Trust Fund (“Fund”) Advisory Board (“Board”) has submitted its Report and Recommendations, (“Report” attached), for appropriations of monies from the Fund; and

**WHEREAS,** the Governing Body further finds and declares that it has reviewed said Report and has determined that it is in the best interests of the citizenry of the Borough to adopt its Recommendations;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale does hereby adopt the annexed Report and Recommendations of the Recreation and Open Space Establishment Trust Fund Advisory Board.

# 2025 ROSE Fund Advisory Report

**To**: Mayor John D’Amato and Borough Council Members

As required by the Borough Code, Chapter 2, Section 2-65.6b, the Rose Fund Advisory Board has held two public hearings in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law. The first took place on January 30, 2025 and the second meeting was held on February 12, 2025.

Please find the formal recommendations of the Rose Fund Advisory Board for 2025 below. The first recommendation will be the 2025 funding percentage amount for each category. The second will be the annual recreation maintenance and project recommendations. The third will be for open space and related projects.

# Proposed 2025 allocation of ROSE Funds

* Recreation: 30%
* Open Space: 10%
* Maintenance: 30%
* Discretionary: 50%

# Proposed 2025 Recreation, Maintenance and Project Recommendations: *Annual DPW Tasks*

* Lawn cutting of WTB, MBD, Sloan Park, Fire House, Police Office, Boro Hall, Bogue Pond, Oakwood Lake.
* Freshen up all stone dust in dugouts.
* Remove white tarp from Delazier field.
* Move garbage cans to the proper locations for baseball use.
* Set-up batting cage at Delazier Field.
* Mulch playgrounds.
* Add clay and remove all growth of grass from clay infields.
* Edge all infield grass areas.
* Weed-whack all fence edges - around entire fenced area, perimeter of part, dugouts, backstops, etc.
* Cut the grass at Delazier.
* Move bleacher to baseball field. DPW may have already done this after football.
* Constant maintenance all year long: clay, grass, weeds, etc.
* Open bathrooms at WTB and Delazier.
* Install outfield fence at Delazier (Temporary).
* Tune up all tractors at Delazier and WTB.
* Open hose bib on side of announcement booth. Install hose on hose reel.
* Test baseball scoreboards to make sure they are operational.
* Put out all screens, field draggers, and field spike dragger behind each backstop.
* July: start the conversion to Football. Move fence to create sidelines for football, buy paint to line the field, move bleachers to the football sidelines, put all baseball supplies in the trailer, dismantle batting cage, move garbage cans, etc.
* Late November: reverse all the opening procedures for field closure (same applies at WTB and MBD). Place white tarp to have grass again come spring, close sprinklers, close bathrooms. (Delazier, WTB, and MBD require the same services.)
* Open all parks: Sloan Park, Bogue, WTB, Oakwood, & Delazier playgrounds, weed, weed-whack, mulch, spring clean-up. Check playground equipment for safety. Install garbage cans for the season
* WTB Walking Path: Maintenance, Weed-whack, edging, etc.
* Open Sprinkler system at Sloan, WTB & Delazier
* Field opening and closing as well as 4-step fertilizer program. Also includes late spring aeration and seeding.
* Field Hockey now at Delazier Field. Stripe field.
* Groom all baseball fields mid-season
* Expose and plug all base anchors on diamonds.
* Order Porta-Johns for MBD.
* Prep Clay infield so no drop offs
* Seed, top dress field with topsoil, winter fertilizer. (WTB and MBD)
* Purchase bags of speedy dry and bags of lime. Arrange vendor to deliver, notify DPW so they can store it in the trailer at Delazier and WTB, as needed year to year.
* Skating rink, currently in storage, pending a permanent home. Can be offered for sale.

***Non-DPW***

* Fertilize fields by True Green, includes Grub control, WTB, MBD, All fields and all municipal green property.
* Geese Patrol performed by True Green via non-toxic chemical deterrent.

# Proposed 2025 Recreation and Open Space Recommendations *Recreation*

Upgrades to Bogue Pond Park:

* $450K County grant received, to be used to replace playground equipment
* Received State Green Acres grant to fund adding padding under equipment and adding perimeter fence.
* Improvements to be completed this summer

WTB Improvements:  
 Add “How to Use Equipment” weatherproof signs have faded & are also discontinued

Skating Rink – There currently is no space within Bloomingdale where rink could be installed so it remains in storage. If the opportunity occurs, the rink can be sold to a different entity. Kinnelon will be contacted since they have mentioned adding a skating rink.

Tennis Courts are available for use by booking for a block of time. Since Wi-Fi and electrical are available at tennis Courts, replace current lock with a digital lock and passcode. Passcode would expire after a week and tennis court users wouldn’t have to pick up the key from boro hall.

***Open Space***

* Build a new Bloomingdale REC center
  + With the proposed addition to WTB, this would provide an additional gym location to share with REC. The school addition at WTB would not permit any additional buildings on the property for separate REC use.
* Recommendation for ROSE Fund Donation to the Community Garden for $1000.
* Recommend free mulch and gravel to Master Gardeners
* Continue monitoring and managing Poison Ivy Removal and control at Delazier Field, Bogue Pond, Oakwood Lake, and any additional properties as needed.
* Weed control by TruGreen at Delaizer Field, parks, and any green playing surface.
* Annually spray cat tails at Bogue Pond and Oakwood Lake as part of lake management.
* ROSE Fund Balance as of February 12, 2025 is $180,000.00.

# Additional Items

* Main Street Christmas Lights need to be replaced. The current lights are older and burning out. The current lights would be replaced in phases, beginning at the part of Main St with the decorative streetlights. The new lights must be easy to maintain and access by DPW. The cost to replace the lights is estimated at $45K
* Passaic County is expected to complete the purchase of the Union Ave horse farm soon. The county will have complete ownership of the property.
* Form a Handball League.

The Rose Fund Advisory Board has reviewed the Borough Code and has held two required public meetings. This Board believes that the recommendations conform to the intention of the Ordinance.

Respectfully,

Rose Fund Advisory Board

*\*report drafted using ROSE Fund Minutes*