



# Village of Mamaroneck Parks & Recreation

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## Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 7, 2020

### VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING

Attendees:	Kristen Vetter Karri Sergio	Tina Maresca Kathleen Gallaher	Cindy Fasolino	Randi Robinowitz
Absent	Carlo Reca	Dan Margoshes	Manny Enes	
Present:	Jason Pinto – Recreation Supervisor Nora Lucas – Trustee Liaison to PRC			

Meeting called to order at 7:34 p.m. by Randi. Motion to approve the September 2020 minutes made by Tina, Cindy seconded it. All in favor.

**Gunderboom Removal Discussion** – Jason discussed the state of condition and provided photos of the gunderboom in the harbor swimming area. The gunderboom is quite old, is falling apart and beyond repair according to the Harbor Master. The mushroom anchors are also deteriorated and have become a potential swim hazard. Randi mentioned the gunderboom was installed in 2008. The cost for a replacement gunderboom is \$500,000; to remove the current gunderboom would cost approximately \$30,000. There is an active purchase order in place to fund the removal of the current gunderboom and the money is already allocated for this purpose. The Westchester County Department of Health has provided three years of beach samples for study. It appears the bacteria readings are slightly lower inside the perimeter of the gunderboom. Due to the current state of disrepair, its functioning to prevent bacteria from entering the swim area is of little effect. Lack of maintenance and an increase in water monitoring have an effect on water quality readings. Nora stated the gunderboom was effective when initially installed. It will go on a work session for the BOT.

**Parks & Recreation Fee Schedule** – Jason discussed the fee changes for the upcoming 2021-2022 fiscal year. Changes include parking seasonal permit fees in Harbor Island Park which will increase to \$45.00 for residents and \$92.00 for non-residents. The beach entry fee will increase to include the credit card fee for those who use credit cards. Cash fee will be the same as previous years. New programs will not have an increase in fees since they are new programs. All other fees will remain the same as last year. Randi suggested to remove Happy Harbor Play from the fee schedule. Karrie brought up an issue with the summer camp sibling discount being too little an amount. Technically, the savings is only \$2.00 since



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there is a processing fee of \$30.00 for using Campdoc. The Village employee discount is 50% for all charges for camp - not a good balance. Randi and Tina agree that the sibling discount is too small. Kristen suggested a 5% discount for a sibling discount. Karrie said that \$50.00 should be the minimum discount. Karrie made a motion and Tina seconded the change. All in favor. This suggestion in fee changes will go to the BOT for approval after Kathleen made a motion to approve and Tina seconded it.

**American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Event Request** – This organization would like to hold a three-hour walk event to raise funding for their organization. They would like to set up a few tent stations, with registration done by alphabet. The group has submitted a safety plan as well as their insurance. The fee for the event is \$600.00. Randi motioned to approve the event request; Cindy seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Westchester County Pier Update** – Jason spoke to the lead person on the County pier project. There is one last approval from New York State required to proceed with the project. Once the approval is obtained, work would commence in April 2021. The money has been allocated, however a lot of delays occurred in the project process. It seems to be on track for next season. The Village is not paying anything towards the project; however, they will allow for a project staging area located by the flagpole. The plans were completed in conjunction with the Village and Westchester County. The project would have been completed long ago if the County and State were on the same page at that time.

**Dog Park Update** – The dog park subcommittee looked at four lots – Taylors Lane, the small parcel by it on Greenhaven Rd, the flagpole in Harbor Island Park and Rushmore side of Harbor Island Park. The consensus is no one wants to wait for Taylors Lane to be cleared by NYS. The Greenhaven lot would be the most expensive to develop because of the amount of clearing the lot needs. The County pier project is an issue with the flagpole site. The best location may be the Rushmore side of Harbor Island Park since dogs are already allowed there on leash. Nora stated that the parking needs to be the existing parking area at Harbor Island Park. A portion of the current Recreation fund amount of \$440,000 is available to purchase and install fencing, landscaping and any required parking. The dog park subcommittee will be meeting again to discuss. The public hearing for expanding dogs allowed in Harbor Island Park is scheduled to occur on 10/13/2020.

A motion to close the meeting was made at 8:34 p.m. by Dan, seconded by Kristen. All in favor.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom.

*Minutes were taken by Charles Vigliotti.*