

## **Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting**

**October 12, 2021**

*Via Zoom*

Attendees were Randi Robinowitz, Tina Maresca, Karrie Sergio, Kristen Vetter, Dan Margoshes, Carlo Recca, Cindy Fasolino, Manny Enes, Jason Pinto, Jeffrey Ahne

Randi called the meeting to order at 7:36.

May 2021 PRC minutes were not approved because they needed to be posted 72 hours before our meeting.

Water quality was discussed. Rain this summer was double the usual amount and resulted in the beach being closed 22 days. Westchester County sampled water quality a couple of times a week to ensure water quality standards were met.

### **Day Camp Discussion**

The PRC reviewed Summer Camp's financial statements. There was \$71,000 in profit this year due to a \$40,000 savings from not utilizing outside bus service. There were no field trips, but Jason wants to have some next year to water parks for the older campers.

Camp fees were discussed. We agreed on \$1,200/season for K to 6<sup>th</sup> resident campers and \$1,500 for non-residents and for 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grade campers, \$1,300 residents and \$1,600 non-residents.

This past season, day camp offered no employee, multi-children, or early bird discounts. Scholarships are available to campers on free or reduced lunch programs. We agreed to eliminate early bird discounts and have one price. Other discounts will be discussed at a later date.

### **Parking Discussion**

Parking went well this summer, but revenues were down. The boat ramp opened April 1 and this year we had an employee at the ramp starting at 6 am on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. The Parks & Recreation Department collects ramp fees but does not set them. Carlo suggested asking Jeff LaRusso, Harbormaster, to attend our next meeting.

### **Softball Discussion**

Jason reported that we offered a men's over 60 league and a women's only league but did not get enough teams registered. We agreed to increase men's softball registration from \$700 to \$750.

### Field Fees

After much discussion we agreed to raise fees from \$27 to \$30 per person starting April 1, 2022 and \$33 per hour the following year. Tina and Dan suggested phasing the increase in over time because many leagues have already collected some of the fees.

Larchmont charges \$35 per hour for their least functional field so we are trying to be equal to other municipalities in our area.

Kristen made a motion to set the fee schedule as we agreed. Cindy seconded. Unanimously approved.

### Fields Report

Jeff told us the fields get lined and leveled only on game days. November 20 is the last day fields will be used.

Jeff would like to rest and repair fields one at a time but that would need to be enforced. We have had code enforcement personnel in Harbor Island this year and it has been very helpful.

### Dog Park

Karrie said the dog park committee will be meeting with Jeff to get this back on track.

Manny and Carlo expressed appreciation to DPW and Parks & Recreation personnel who provided above and beyond service to village residents during the aftermath of Ida.

### Concert for Ida Victims

Cindy mentioned there will be a benefit concert Saturday, October 23 from 3 to 6 pm at Harbor Island sponsored by the Fuller Center to Ida survivors. Please use social media to promote this event.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, November 3 at 7:30 pm.

Karrie made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Cindy seconded. The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Randi Robinowitz