



Village of Mamaroneck Parks & Recreation

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Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

VILLAGE HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

REGATTA BUILDING, 123 MAMARONECK AVENUE, MAMARONECK, NY 10543

Attendees:	Randi Robinowitz	Kristen Vetter	Dan Margoshes	Carlo Reca
	Tina Maresca	Emily Marshall	Manny Enes	

Absent	Veronica Colman	Kathleen Gallaher
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Present:

- Barry Casterella – General Foreman of Parks
- Jason Pinto – Senior Recreation Leader
- Alexandra Cirrincione – Recreation Leader
- Thomas Murphy – Mayor
- Jerry Barberio – Village Manager

Meeting called to order at 7:31 p.m. by Randi Robinowitz. Previous month's minutes were not reviewed or approved.

Down To Earth Farmer's Market – Introduction & Discussion – Randi introduced Dacotah Rousseau from Down to Earth Farmer's Markets. This organization has run several farmer's markets in various locations for the last 30 years. They presently are running a winter market in Mamaroneck and are looking for a new location. They are inquiring to see if there would be the possibility to hold the winter market in Harbor Island Park beginning in the first week of January to run through the Easter timeframe in the month of April. The market would operate on Saturday mornings from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. According to Jason, there would be the possibility of utilizing the Blue Room, Blue Room lobby, Main Lobby and Red Room lobby for the market. Emily stated that she would like to see the combining of a composting program with the farmer's market if possible. Randi and Tina are in favor of this program. There would be an approximate turnout of 400-700 staggered shoppers throughout the event's timeframe.

There was additional discussion to combine the farmer's market with a 16-week cooking class which would incorporate foods from the market, leaning towards fresh, local foods. The program would teach young people from ages 5-12 about foods, the sources of them, how they are grown, good eating practices, etc.



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The class would cost approximately \$25.00 - \$30.00 per session. There will be new cooking equipment purchased for this program.

Master Fee Schedule – Westchester Parks & Recreation Municipalities – The schedule for the master fees was created to demonstrate what a 5 or 10% increase across all program fees would resemble. There was a question raised as to whether fees should be raised at all. Jerry stated that we are just starting this process and that we should simplify the fee increases. The concept of “should we be losing money for the greater good of the community” was brought to the table. Certain events should incur no fees. We are not looking at a P+L statement, only just what we could charge potentially. According to Jerry, incremental increases which are slowly introduced are okay. The goal would be to (at least) break even when possible. Randi stated that it is a good idea to raise fees by small amounts. Carlo stated that our beach entrance fees are the lowest in the region. Tina brought up the suggestion of having subsidized beach passes. Jason took the PRC through each line item to discuss fees. Dan stated that FASNY should be paying more for field usage since they are on the fields more frequently. Randi suggested a 5% increase in field usage fees. Mayor Murphy stated that we should wait until the budget season to discuss raising fees. Deck rentals were considered for a 5% resident and 10% non-resident increase respectively. Fees for current and past programs should remain the same according to Jerry. There should be no difference in pricing for profit versus not-for-profit organizations. If they are partnering with the Village, there should be some flex on the fees; it depends on the community benefit. A \$6.00 per person fee charge (high end of scale pricing) for large-scale events was voted on and approved unanimously. Daily beach entrance and seasonal beach passes were increased. Resident individual beach memberships increased from \$41.00 to \$45.00, non-resident fees increased from \$82.00 to \$100.00. Resident family beach memberships increased from \$82.00 to \$90.00, non-resident family beach memberships increased from \$164.00 to \$225.00. Daily beach pass entrance fee increases were from \$7.00 to \$8.00 for adults and from \$4.00 to \$5.00 for children ages three to twelve.

Florence Park Path/Walkway Paving Project Update – The resurfacing of the pathway in Florence Park has been completed. Additional future projects at Florence Park include a redo of the tennis courts. Barry presented information with a quote totaling \$150,000 to complete the work. The new tennis courts would last approximately 15 years upon completion.

Additional Parks Updates – Stanley Avenue Park is the potential new site for a Pickleball Court. There are plans to remove the wood chips in Jefferson Avenue Park and to replace them with a poured rubber surface material, a new technology in floor surfacing. This would be planned for Spring 2020 at an approximate cost of \$89,000. According to Jason, the basketball court there needs to be redone as well. A vote was taken for the tennis courts and rubber surface projects and both were met with unanimous approval.

A new decking system at Harbor Island Park will include a dedicated resident kayak storage space.



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Rye Neck PTSA Event Request– This event request was unanimously approved by the PRC. It is scheduled for Saturday, October 5, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. to take place from FE Bellows to Daniel Warren, through Florence Park.

Lanza Field Lights Soccer Grant Update – The grant will be submitted before 10/4/19. The amount of the grant is \$150,000 – the Village would receive 50% of the total grant amount if approved. Total savings of \$108,000 in electric utility costs over a ten-year period.

The meeting was called to a close at 9:25 p.m. by Emily, seconded by Kristen.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room at Village Hall in the Regatta building at 123 Mamaroneck Avenue, Mamaroneck, NY 10543.

Minutes were recorded by Charles Vigliotti.