



Village of Mamaroneck Parks & Recreation



Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 19, 2017

Meeting called to order by Manny Enes at 7:39 P.M.

Attendees: Manny Enes Dan Margoshes
Tina Maresca

Absent Steve Scarangella Joan Spedafino Kathleen Gallaher
Veronica Colman Randi Robinowitz Kerry Stein

Present: Barry Casterella – General Forman of Parks
Trustee Leon Potok, Liaison
Jason Pinto – Recreation Assistant
Charles Vigliotti, Office Assistant

Previous month meeting minutes were not voted on or approved at this meeting.

Turkey Trot – There are approximately 400 people registered for the race as of this date. Water bottles, turkey soup and water have been donated from various businesses in the surrounding area. Banners placed on the streetlamps on Mamaroneck Avenue also contribute to defray costs for the event. Signs to advertise the event are located at several highway entrances and across the village. LMCTV will be attending and covering the event. There are expected to be 1,500 runners participating in this year's race. In recent years, the race has attracted 300-400 additional runners due to its growing popularity. This year there will be custom medals handed out to divisional winners as opposed to trophies in past years. This is due to the fact that the trophies are not always picked up by the winners in the past, causing a storage issue, plus they are more expensive than the medals. It was recommended that there be a village-wide email blast regarding the event.

Spooktacular – Event to be held on 10/22/17. Expected attendance is approximately 3,000 people. The tent cost has been sponsored, activities to take place under the tent. The Chamber of Commerce and House of Flowers are setting up the haunted house in the Blue room in the pavilion building. There will be several food trucks attending the event, including Tony's Square Doughnuts, Abeetz brick oven pizza and Road Grub.

Pickle Ball – This was a concept brought to the Commission's attention by Steve Josephson, owner of *The Toy Box* store. Pickle Ball is a sport which can be played on a retrofitted tennis court. You can convert one tennis court to

create four Pickle ball courts (which will result in a lower cost than creating a new court from scratch). This is a concept to consider and will be further evaluated at a later date.

Little League – At present the Village charges field user fees for the use of Goetz Field. There is question as to who is responsible for maintaining the fields since there is a user fee charged each season. According to the Commission, it is a permit fee to use the fields, not a maintenance fee to keep them up. Historically, Little League has paid for the clay. There was a letter sent to the Board of Trustees regarding the maintenance responsibility. Little League should not be telling the Parks department what they should be doing. They are not following instructions about when to use and not to use the fields. They play on them when they are clearly instructed not to. Any commentary from Little League should go through the Recreation department according to Barry. Additionally, Larchmont has ignored what the Village has wanted with regard to the fields. A possible solution might be to have signs should which read “FIELD CLOSED” If this is to be enacted, it will cost three hours to pay someone to put up a sign on the field when it is closed. This is not cost effective whatsoever. Which party should take over the field remains an outstanding issue. There is typically more work required on the Baseball field than on the Softball field. According to the Union, the Village of Mamaroneck should be the responsible party to maintain the fields.

Meeting called to a close by Manny Enes at 8:50 P.M.

Next meeting: Thursday, November 16, 2017

Minutes taken by Charles Vigliotti