



# Village of Mamaroneck Parks & Recreation

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## Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 4, 2020

### ZOOM MEETING

Attendees: Kristen Vetter Tina Maresca Manny Enes Cindy Fasolino Carlo Reca  
Randi Robinowitz Karri Sergio Kathleen Gallaher Dan Margoshes

Absent

Present: Barry Casterella – General Foreman of Parks  
Jason Pinto – Recreation Supervisor  
Nora Lucas – Trustee Liaison to PRC

Meeting called to order at 7:39 p.m. by Randi. The minutes from the October meeting were approved with amendments to the dog park section. Dan and Cindy seconded the motion, all in favor.

**Fair Game Foundation/JAMM Presentation** – Ann Sklar and Alex Zinger for Basketball Alliance came to propose to idea of creating aa covered basketball facility in Harbor Island Park. Alex, a resident of Mamaroneck, has three sons who were involved with Coach Howard Jordan, a person who works with kids with basketball. Ann Sklar got involved in Harbor Island Park, and the MEC Advisory Committee. She has been involved in PTA fundraising and other fundraising experience. She was introduced to Coach Jordan. The founder of JAMM, Coach Jordan has gotten numerous kids off the streets through his mentoring and coaching through basketball. He has helped many kids get to college when they might normally have not pursued that option. Coach Jordan, a resident of Mamaroneck, began creating basketball clinics, the LMBA and created the JAMM program when his kids were 8 years old (now 33). His goal is to bring something to Mamaroneck as there re no indoor facilities at any of the parks for basketball. The options at Florence and Columbus Parks are very limited. With a 501C3 already established for this purpose, funds would be raised through the Fair Game Foundation as they would be the ones building the facility. The Village would be an integral part of the project (building, plans, personnel). They would like to have a long-term agreement with the Village and Fair Game Foundation, perhaps 20 years. Fair Game Foundation would be responsible for all aspects. There would need to be an outline as to how the Village would have access for programs, etc. There is no website at this time. Fair Game would raise money to fund Coach Jordan’s programs. Ann brought the location issue to Jerry. Possibly to the left of the Harbor Master building. According to Barry it is a dead area. Perhaps one court



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could be transformed into two courts for tournaments. Dan suggested that the usage possibly could see other sports involved. There is the desire to raise money and keep it mainly basketball. There is a need for a multi-sport facility. Perhaps bigger fund raising according to Carlo, such as Field For Kids many years ago. Turn the tennis facility into a multi-sport facility. According to Alex, they are open to engage in getting something done. This would be good for kids and good for the Village. Randi said the group is interested. They are validating our previous discussions. The cost would be somewhere between \$200,000-\$350,000. Randi is in favor. Nora inquired to ask how we get year-round recreation in the Village of Mamaroneck, Nora does not think we can get a land lease, we would need to speak with the Village attorney about this. Harbor Island Park may be a non-starter. Jerry would be open to talking to Zinger. We are in the process of forming a committee, let's see what the parameters are. Randi thanked Coach Jordan for all that he has done in the community. Thanks to all involved.

**Gunderboom Discussion** – Jason spoke about the gunderboom, provided new information, described options with the memo (removal, replacement, etc.). Currently, the condition is not good and group opinions would be helpful to proceed. Karrie asked how many days is the beach closed due to water issues. Jason said it is based on rainfall, five times in 2020, no closures due to rain. It has occurred in 2015-16 due to rain. There used to be serious issues with water quality; in some instances, the beach was closed all season. Randi wanted to know could the MEC determine if we actually need the gunderboom. It is not clear that it is doing anything at all. It is so damaged that it does not work. With 18-20 samples per year, the experts should determine. It is turning into a liability. Randi made a motion to remove the gunderboom, Kristen seconded, all approved. Either way, it needs to come out. Tina asked if you remove it, how long to install a new gunderboom. Answer – 4 months. Nora stated that we need to know that it is not doing anything. Randi said it's not doing anything. Jason said unless you have a major pollution event I don't foresee closing the beach.

Barry announced his retirement, and this will be his last meeting.

Jason said the new swing set in Columbus Park will be unveiled at a ceremony on Saturday, there is also a drive-in movie that evening in Harbor Island Park.

Kristen made a motion to close, Karrie seconded, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

*Minutes were taken by Charles Vigliotti.*