



# Village of Mamaroneck Parks & Recreation



## Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 17, 2018

Attendees: Kathleen Gallaher                      Lou Santoro  
                  Randi Robinowitz                     Kerry Stein  
                  Dan Margoshes

Absent            Veronica Colman                      Manny Enes  
                      Tina Maresca

Present:        Trustee Lucas, Liaison  
                      Barry Casterella – General Foreman of Parks  
                      Sandy Korkatzis – Superintendent of Recreation  
                      Charles Vigliotti, Office Assistant

Meeting called to order by Kerry Stein at 7:40 P.M.

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

**Field Monitor Hire Introduction** – Eric Karl was introduced to the Commission as Camp Counselor and Field Permit Monitor. Eric is retired NYPD and will be an ideal fit for this newly developed position. Eric will be working in the 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade camp group as a Counselor. In his Field Monitor position, Eric will be on-site to check the permits on the field. There is concern as to whether or not the Park Rangers are checking permits as they patrol the park. Eric will be orientated to the soccer programs as well.

**Camp Orientation and Update**– The camp staff orientation had 50+ staff at the Palmer Gym. This was something new and different for a staff orientation and it went well. The camp this year is interested in trying new trips, etc. to make camp more interesting. The enrollment is up in all age groups and there has been positive feedback from the older kids as well which is good to hear.

**Teen Council** – This is being considered in order to funnel ideas through the younger kids for camp feedback and improvements. A teen or youth council group will be able to provide input for their own camp season. Traveling will be the events that this age group wants. Another thought is to have campers who have “graduated” from camp to be involved in the planning process. Start with these kids and bounce ideas off of them. 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade camper enrollment is at 86 kids.

**Fields Update** – There is no update for the *Fields for Kids* program at this time. Kerry will look into the program for a contact person. It is an ongoing program so it can be actively pursued. Parks has recently taken over the maintenance of the fields from Little League – they look great and there has been positive feedback about their condition. Replacement backstop information has been received by Barry. Additionally, Barry has visited New Rochelle 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue fields for some new ideas regarding benches, covering for the bench areas, backstops, etc. Barry suggested that the entire field restoration project be presented as a one-time capital improvement project.

**Superintendent's Update** – Sandy suggested that a shade area be created by the spray ground by the use of an awning or shade system. Additionally, the current patio furniture needs replacement this season as it is three years old and has exhausted its useful life. Additional discussion included an ADA wheelchair accessible swing in the playground. This needs to be followed up with Dan Sarnoff. Lou will inquire as to whether he can get a grant from the Elks Lodge for this project. Present programming at harbor Island Park includes Beach Yoga, Zumba, SUP and Kayak tours. AED machines have been planned to be ordered to replace the outdated units currently in place. Barry will allow the Recreation department to utilize the Gator machine to transport for emergency situations around the Park and other programming when necessary.

**Updates & Follow-up** – Lines at the exit traffic light of Harbor Island Park – right lane should be for right turn and straight traffic, left lane should only be for left turns exiting. The parking lot behind the sewer treatment plant is getting paved, lines with NO PARKING should be painted as well. This project is on Hernane's radar. Marina parking is an issue. The signage is confusing and dates referenced need to be consistent across all signage.

Meeting called to a close by Lou Santoro at 8:20 P.M.

Next meeting: Thursday, June 21, 2018.

*Minutes taken by Charles Vigliotti*