

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting - September 6, 2023, 7:00 PM

Village Courtroom, 169 Mount Pleasant Avenue, Mamaroneck, NY 10543

Attendees: Tina Maresca, Tim O'Connor, Randi Robinowitz, Brittany Ross, Carlo Reza, Kristen Barnard, Karrie Sergio

Present: Jason Pinto, Jeff Ahne, Manny Rawlings

Absent: Kristen Vetter, Eric Williams

Opening:

Tina made a motion to open the meeting, seconded.

Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update:

Holding off until our October meeting when Jerry can attend.

Review of Village Code Chapter 260 (Parks) – Subcommittee Review Update:

The commission would like to see the proposed changes as written by the legal department so they can review it and make a recommendation. Manny will ask for a draft for us to review prior to it going to the BOT for approval. Tina made a motion to approve the recommendations for the first draft to be sent to legal. All approved.

Update on Fields For Kids Board of Trustees presentation:

Tina, Jason, Jeff, and Kristen B met with Fields for Kids (FFK) in mid-August. They are going to come up with a list of priorities, a track being one of them, and create a master project schematic for HIP to be brought to the BOT in October with the capital plan.

Jefferson Avenue Park Renovations Update:

Jeff said they will be done by the 16th. New fencing and blacktop are being done but will have to close the park for one more day a couple of weeks later to paint the basketball court once the blacktop is cured. The ribbon-cutting ceremony is set for September 17th.

Florence Park: English Place & Park Avenue entrance discussion:

Tina said the Traffic Commission wants to add a handicapped parking spot by that entrance to help alleviate the traffic and parking problems. Jeff said they would also add no parking signage by the guardrail with the one handicapped spot and a ramp to get into the park which would help with the issues and bring handicapped access to the park. If the Traffic Commission approves it this could open up the conversation about handicapped access at our other parks.

Taylor's Lane Discussion:

Tabling discussion.

Dog Park Update:

It was asked about what happened with the recent dog bite incident at the Bark Park because we had not been given an update. What were the ramifications, do we know who did it, was that person's dog park access revoked, is that dog no longer allowed at the park? The police and Village officials were there and we need to know how incidents like this are handled. It is the Village's responsibility but whose responsibility within the Village is it to follow up and address it? It was also asked how long the Village plans on keeping the dog park attendant. Per Jason, until the end of October. It was also asked about if there were any bench donations. Per Jason and Jeff, there have been no bench donations brought to the Village to date.

Spray Ground Update:

Jeff informed us that the spray ground update/expansion plans are out right now to a company called Playsafe, they are going to come up with two options, one with a wading pool and one without, both would be bigger. They should have something to him by the end of the month.

Parks Update:

Per Jeff, upcoming events are the car show, family camp out, mums and fall plantings, decorating the Avenue, assisting with the scarecrow builds, and field reseeding. The recessed area by Little League is being filled with 42 yards of topsoil and reseeded.

Recreation Update:

Per Jason, summer camp was good, they had 322 campers, they were not rained out but the water was closed for swimming for about 10 days. It was a challenge but they had hoses, water games, water slides, and sprinklers to compensate. The temporary basketball court was also a big hit.

It asked about the tennis bubble and the potential community center; Manny said the tennis bubble was coming up. We are also still waiting for the cost/benefit analysis about Sportime from Jerry. Manny also said the community center is still on the table, they are just trying to prioritize what is most urgent.

Closing: Randi made a motion to approve the June minutes, Kristen seconded, minutes were approved as is. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting is October 4, 2023.