



Village of Mamaroneck Parks & Recreation



Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 20, 2017

Meeting called to order by Parks Foreman, Barry Casterella at 7:33 P.M.

Attendees: Manny Enes Dan Margoshes Randi Robinowitz
 Kerry Stein Tina Maresca Steve Scarangella

Absent Veronica Colman Joan Spedafino
 Sandy Korkatzis, Recreation Superintendent

Present:

Barry Casterella, Parks General Foreman
Trustee Lou Santoro, Liaison
Trustee Leon Potok, Liaison
Charles Vigliotti, Office Assistant

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

Camp update & Learn-to-Swim Program – Discussion of the exception made by the Town of Mamaroneck over the swim lessons being offered at camp this season. An email from Jill Fisher, Superintendent of Recreation was disseminated to the group for review regarding this. This is good news for the camp and a win for everyone involved. Discussion of the success of the online camp registration this season implemented by Recreation Assistant Jason Pinto. There are much fewer calls and visits to the Recreation office due to all of the registration being completed online. At present there are over 100 campers registered for the 2017 camp season.

Food Trucks/Concession Stand– Walter’s Hot Dogs has expressed a strong interest in returning to Harbor Island Park to sell hot dogs to beach patrons. This year there is discussion taking place about bringing their food truck to the beach for a particular number of dates. The following year, we would like to build out a shipping container to sell food from on a permanent basis. Walter’s has noted that they have a contact who can do the construction on this for us and they would be very interested in being the food vendor for the beach in this capacity once the concession container is completed and ready to go. We also have had conversations with a fish food truck and a Greek food truck. Both have expressed interest in having their trucks here throughout the summer. It is a matter of designing the permits to reflect the schedule for each truck. Since Walter’s cannot be here every single day of the season, we would like to have another truck at the beach when they are unavailable. There is currently one ice cream permit which runs through this season. We will need to wait until next season in order to bring in another ice cream truck. After

discussion with a Mister Softee truck he informed us that he had a hot dog cart which was available if ice cream was not allowed due to permit conflicts.

Parks Update

Stanley Avenue Park - Discussion of installing a new rubber surface floor in Stanley Avenue Park. Also discussion of installing a skateboard park at Stanley Avenue Park. Barry looked at Greenwich, CT and New Rochelle skateboard parks to obtain some ideas about them. We are looking for funding for this and a possible dog park as well. There are a lot of kids with skateboards going on. A skateboard park will reduce the destruction to fixtures in the various parks if they have a dedicated place to skateboard in. New Rochelle charges for skateboarding, discussion of a possible daily fee or seasonal fee for skateboarders. There is a dog park in Harrison and in White Plains. There should be a subcommittee to investigate further on the details and the cost to do this. Apparently, Greenwich, CT just spent \$200,000 to *refurbish* their skateboard park. This could be a \$500,000 project to put in place. It was suggested to look at "Grindline" which has details about skateboarding and parks.

Lanza Field – Landtek visited the field for evaluation of conditions and restoration options. It has been suggested that they close the field after Spring/Summer Softball season for redoing the field. They would start preparing it for restoration in September, 2017. The field is 103 years old and has never been redone in that time frame. It has been suggested that the field be shortened and sod be added in the necessary places. The field needs to be redone since the clay is contaminating the harbor water. There is a \$35,000 fine for this happening. The plan is for Lanza field to be used only for softball. There is also an opportunity to have Landtek provide a quote about fixing up the other field. Once irrigation is in place, you have more options for seeding, resting the field, etc. According to the experts, Hurricane Sandy added a huge amount of salt to the fields and ruined the health of them. There was the discussion of the possibility of changing the cost for Beer Fest to reflect a percentage of sales as opposed to a straight permit fee.

Meeting called to a close by Barry Casterella at 8:15 P.M.

Next meeting: Thursday, May 18, 2017

Minutes taken by Charles Vigliotti