



Village of Mamaroneck Parks & Recreation



Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 16, 2017

Meeting called to order by Superintendent of Recreation at 7:33 P.M.

Attendees: Manny Enes Dan Margoshes
Randi Robinowitz Joan Spedafino
Steve Scarangella Kerry Stein

Absent Veronica Colman Tina Maresca
Brett Moeller

Present: Sandy Korkatzis, Recreation Superintendent
Barry Casterella, Parks General Foreman
Trustee Santoro
Mayor Rosenblum
Jason Pinto, Recreation Assistant
Elizabeth Linsalato, Recreation Leader

Introduction of our new Recreation Leader, Elizabeth Linsalato and Recreation Assistant, Jason Pinto.

Superintendent Update

Vote of Chairperson – Motion for Steve Scarangella to be Chairperson and for Kerry Stein to be Co-Chairperson.
All in favor.

Softball League – Registration will take place on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 7:30 P.M. at the Stephen E. Johnston Beach Pavilion. The pricing will stay the same as last year which is \$1,350.00 per team. We are looking to add a Co-ed league on Tuesday nights and a Men's Over-40 league to take place on Wednesday nights in addition to the Monday and Thursday night league games which are presently held.

Volleyball League – Registration will take place on May 10 & 11th 2017 from 6:30 P.M. until dark at the Stephen E. Johnston Beach Pavilion. The season will run from May 17 – August 9; 11 weeks with one week of playoffs. The cost is \$750.00 per team.

Party Packages – It is possible to schedule three time slots in one day. Pricing would be approximately be \$500.00 and would include grills and parking.



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VMDC Summer Camp – Online camp registration is scheduled to begin on March 1, 2017. The camp will be swimming at the Hommocks pool again and will not continue to use the Saxon woods pool. The Saxon woods pool was getting extremely crowded and cost the camp \$15,000 in admission. Working closely this year with STEM Alliance, Larchmont recreation department as well as the town of Mamaroneck on pool allotment. We will be offering swim lessons this year for campers through Learn-to-Swim program. This is an add-on option for parents. There will be a swim instructor and an Aquatics Director at Hommocks Pool. The camp day trips are to be planned in order to most efficiently maximize the use of bus transportation. Working to obtain corporate sponsorships for the camp program. Researching companies to offer a hot lunch program for the camp. Parents would deal directly with the lunch program company.

Food Vendors & Trucks – Mayor Rosenblum is investigating the possibility to change the policy prohibiting multiple food trucks on the beach. Mayor requests that we try to have vendors planned out ahead of time. The Superintendent of recreation is investigating the possibility of retrofitting a storage container to serve as a food concession area for a vendor to rent. Looking into creating an opening near the gazebo to place a concession stand. In addition Maria from Chocolations is hoping to get a coffee truck to service the various leagues at the park on the weekends in the mornings. Ice cream truck vendors should have a contract with the Village in order to sell in the park. Barry and Sandy stated that the ice cream trucks need permits in order to come into the park to sell. This ensure that any ice cream vendor has the proper Health Department permit. The Village was asking for a hard number as a retainer for truck vendors as minimums. The beach is extremely busy and would benefit from the presence of a food truck on premises.

Programming – Zumba classes are now being offered in the Blue Room in the pavilion building by Gustavo and Dance 2B Fit. He gave up his prior leased location in the Village and is now teaching classes for the Village at Harbor Island Park.

Events -the Recreation department now owns its own outdoor inflatable movie screen and run Movies on the Sand. Movies on the Sand will be a series partnered with LMCTV and the department is looking to obtain sponsors to pay for the popcorn and licensing at each event. Rich Slingerland signed the contract for the movie licensing. 2017 Movie Series will include *Star Wars*, *Mohana* and *Big Hero 6*. Matt Sullivan of LMCTV is coordinating with the *Mohana* movie for the Tiki Invasion event on the beach this year. LMCTV will handle all of the technical aspects for all the movie series. The parks department will continue to assist with setting up the screen.

Happy Harbor Play Preschool Program – Commencing registration for the third consecutive year. At this time we are not pursuing a preschool license. The licensing process was beginning to hold us up from other programming. New York State was very specific as to their requirements on which rooms we would be able to use for the program. The facility is deemed safe, however, the license would restrict us from using the rooms for other programs. Early Childhood education credits would also be required for all involved staff. We are content continuing to run the program half day. We always have the option of adding an afternoon session for a different group of children. The program closes out at fifteen children.



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Staycation Camps – Aviation and Magic workshops on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday were very successful. We are registering now for the spring camps that will include Jedi Engineering Using LEGOs.

Brochure

We will look into offering a full-year play guide as opposed to a seasonal brochure. We are also designing a *Welcome to the neighborhood brochure* packet as well. Presently, marketing has been accomplished using flyers to promote to residents and businesses as well as advertisements using banners and social media.

Interviewing & Background Checks – An outside company has been utilized to perform background checks for vetting of all employees. They perform a thorough and extensive background check on all employees. All contractors are getting background checks and permit holders should get background checks. Leagues have different services utilizing databases. Sandy stated that she will personally be sitting in on all interviews. Return letters have been sent out to those to be brought back for 2017 season. Hiring is very aggressive for the upcoming 2017 season.

Permits – We will be hiring a Field Marshal to check for field permit holders. IDs and permits will be checked on the half hour and hour. We are looking for a candidate who is firm, friendly and professional.

Parks Foreman update

Water Wheels – Barry met with Steve based out of a company in Long Island. Cunningham field is going to take eight hours. Need two wheels. T200 product has a pump with a two inch line which is hooked up to a hose. Spray will go on a complete 360 degree rotation. 630 feet only sprays 180 feet. Suggested for the big field to have an in-ground system. Looking at both options but it appears that an in-ground system will be more cost effective in the long run in this instance. Leaning toward going with the wheels. Going to do a site visit to New Jersey to see a demo on how the system works. System will only be able to run during business hours while Parks guys are here. The in-ground system is more flexible for timing and times of day it is able to run. Water table only five feet down. Might be better off with Wheel system. Barry says there is 80% chance they are going to use the water wheel system. Two water pits will need two inch lines in order for the system to work properly. The Stephen E. Johnston Beach currently spent \$30,000 in water consumption this year. A water recycling system will save a lot of money. Water wheels will increase the water now.

Port Chester Fire Department Benefit – Sandy is touching base with PCFD to run a benefit to be held at Harbor Island Park. All were in favor of the event. It was requested that Sandy reach out to portchester to see if they will allow us to use their bandwagon if needed.

Parks – Stanley Avenue Park is getting a rubber surface. The basketball courts are getting a lot of use since they were redone. Looking to aerate and seed the field by the middle of April, depending on how wet the ground is at that time.

U1 Sports – Working to initiate basketball clinics and tournaments and flag football tournaments. Mayor raises questions about head trauma within youth sports including soccer and football programs. US Soccer has banned “heading the ball” with kids under 12 years of age.



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Beach & Facilities – A new boat is needed at Harbor Island Park. Investigating a zodiac boat within a budget of \$1,000-\$3,000. Locker facilities for kids and staff inside pavilion building. This process has been in the works for over two years. Locations inside and outside the Blue Room have been identified for the locker installation. Investigating the pricing for building a small lifeguard shack to perform first aid. Going to get pricing from a carpenter to build one.

Wedding Events at Harbor Island Park – Numerous wedding ceremony requests have been received for this coming season. Prices will be \$200.00 for residents and \$250.00 for non-residents. Additional costs for clean-up will be \$150.00. The Commission believes that this pricing is too low and that the price needs to increase. Full wedding events would range from \$5,000 for the site fee and the tent company would additionally charge per head. This is a long-term future opportunity.

Meeting called to a close by Joan Spedafino and Manny Enes at 8:42 P.M.

Next meeting: Thursday, March 16, 2017

Minutes taken by Jason Pinto and Randi Robinowitz edited by Charles Vigliotti