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Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting – June 1, 2022

Agenda

VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

When: Jun 1, 2022, 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Recreation and Parks Commission Meeting

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INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- Code Violations in Village Parks
- Harbor Island Athletic Fields
- Recreation Village Website Subcommittee
- Parks Department Update
- Recreation Department Update

ACTION MAY BE REQUIRED:

- Approve May 2022 Minutes

Upcoming Events:

September Parks & Recreation Commission meeting to be held on September 7, 2022.

From: [Ross, Brittany](#)
To: [Jason Pinto](#); [Rec&Parks](#)
Cc: [Jeff Ahne](#); [Jerry Barberio](#); [Daniel Sarnoff](#); [Nora Lucas](#)
Subject: Re: Columbus Park
Date: Monday, April 18, 2022 2:33:02 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Amazing, Jason! Thank you!!!

I so wish I could attend the park clean up event, but weekend events are tough with my kids being so young. Can't wait to bring them when they are old enough!

Excited for what we can plan for the future and very pleased to hear about emergency cleanup of waterways!

From: Jason Pinto <jpinto@vomny.org>
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 12:08 PM
To: Ross, Brittany <BRoss@vomny.net>; Rec&Parks <Rec&Parks@vomny.org>
Cc: Jeff Ahne <jahne@vomny.org>; Jerry Barberio <jbarberio@vomny.org>; Daniel Sarnoff <dsarnoff@vomny.org>; Nora Lucas <nluucas@vomny.org>
Subject: RE: Columbus Park

Good Afternoon PRC Members,

Brittany thank you for your email. I will add a item to the May 4 , 2022 PRC meeting. We can discuss additional volunteer park clean-up days and the garbage/cigarette issue. We have our annual Spring Clean & Green day event coming up on Saturday, May 7th (Flyer attached). I would also like to let everyone know that the Village manager has authorized an emergency clean-up of our rivers/waterways (Including Columbus Park area). DPW will actually be starting the river clean-ups this week. As always the Parks department will continue daily clean-up of all garbage/debris in our parks. Thanks. Jason.

Jason Pinto

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Village of Mamaroneck
Parks & Recreation

From: Ross, Brittany <BRoss@vomny.net>

Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2022 5:00 PM

To: Jason Pinto <jpinto@vomny.org>; Rec&Parks <Rec&Parks@vomny.org>

Subject: Columbus Park

Hi everyone,

I went to Columbus park today to have lunch and was pretty concerned about the amount of garbage in the river. I know this is soooooo sooo difficult to keep clean but we have to figure something out. There were not just beer bottles and broken glass along the side of the river, but masks, newspaper, juice boxes and straws, tons of cigarette butts all along the river and the benches on the train station side.

I've included pictures.

I know there is an Earth Day park clean up planned but can we schedule something monthly or even more often and partner with local organizations for volunteer hours?

It breaks my heart to see this beautiful park full of so much garbage where kids and families come to play.

Thanks,
Brittany Ross Berlin

From: [Ross, Brittany](#)
To: [Reca, Carlo](#); [Timothy O'Connor](#); [Rec&Parks](#)
Cc: [Nora Lucas](#); [Thomas A. Murphy](#); [Jerry Barberio](#)
Subject: Re: Comments in the moms and dads group
Date: Tuesday, April 19, 2022 11:12:10 AM

Thanks Tim and Carlo, we probably need to be more specific about what codes we need to look at. If there are specific concerns that we need to address, let's discuss them for sure!

From: Reca, Carlo <CReca@vomny.net>
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 8:46 PM
To: Timothy O'Connor <TOConnor@vomny.net>; Ross, Brittany <BRoss@vomny.net>; Rec&Parks <Rec&Parks@vomny.org>
Cc: Nora Lucas <nlucas@vomny.org>; Thomas A. Murphy <tmurphy@vomny.org>; Jerry Barberio <jbarberio@vomny.org>
Subject: Re: Comments in the moms and dads group

I agree with Tim and especially Pape Memorial Park because of quality of life issues for years!

Stay Well

Carlo

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From: Timothy O'Connor <TOConnor@vomny.net>
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 6:12:20 PM
To: Ross, Brittany <BRoss@vomny.net>; Rec&Parks <Rec&Parks@vomny.org>
Cc: Nora Lucas <nlucas@vomny.org>; Thomas A. Murphy <tmurphy@vomny.org>; Jerry Barberio <jbarberio@vomny.org>
Subject: Re: Comments in the moms and dads group

Brittany / et al,

I agree, we should address the smoking in the park situation but if we are going to address this issue we should revisit other code issues within all VOM parks in the village that need police enforcement. Can we add this to the next agenda?

Thanks,

Tim O'Connor

From: Ross, Brittany <BRoss@vomny.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2022 3:20 PM
To: Hillary Short <Hillary_short@mac.com>; Rec&Parks <Rec&Parks@vomny.org>

Cc: Nora Lucas <nluucas@vomny.org>; Thomas A. Murphy <tmurphy@vomny.org>; Jerry Barberio <jbarberio@vomny.org>

Subject: Re: Comments in the moms and dads group

I had lunch in Columbus park today and saw A LOT of cigarette butts by the park bench closest to Mamaroneck Ave on the train station side. We should definitely address park clean up and smoking in the park at our next meeting.

From: Hillary Short <hillary_short@mac.com>

Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2022 1:33 PM

To: Ross, Brittany <BRoss@vomny.net>

Cc: Nora Lucas <nluucas@vomny.org>; Thomas A. Murphy <tmurphy@vomny.org>; Jerry Barberio <jbarberio@vomny.org>

Subject: Re: Comments in the moms and dads group

It is tough to enforce no smoking in the park when a village worker was smoking on the dock today. I personally don't agree that he should go to the sidewalk to smoke

On Apr 13, 2022, at 1:19 PM, Ross, Brittany <BRoss@vomny.net> wrote:

I agree, we shouldn't have any cigarette butts left in the park. I believe this was brought up briefly at a prior meeting and the "no smoking" rule is not being enforced. We should address that for sure.

From: Hillary Short <hillary_short@mac.com>

Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2022 1:12 PM

To: Nora Lucas <nluucas@vomny.org>; Thomas A. Murphy <tmurphy@vomny.org>; Jerry Barberio <jbarberio@vomny.org>; Ross, Brittany <BRoss@vomny.net>

Subject: Comments in the moms and dads group

The lady who sits down at the west basin smoking all day. Folks are complaining about the hundreds of butts around the benches. Is there a solution to this? I have tried to say hello and chat before but she appears to be mentally ill.

The parking meters were photographed and discussed. Not with much drama. I like this idea for revenue Jerry, a great idea. Especially as I don't need to park to get to the harbor . However are we going to monitor whether during the summer months it will affect our parking spots on Fenimore? I guess that will be addressed if necessary.

Brittany I do think the lady smoking at the bench should be addressed

Best

Hillary Short

From: [Reca, Carlo](#)
To: [Tim O'Connor](#); [Rec&Parks](#); [Jerry Barberio](#); [Mayor and Board](#); [Chief Sandra DiRuzza](#); [Jason Pinto](#)
Subject: Re: Park Rules
Date: Sunday, May 15, 2022 1:44:53 PM

Sorry I didn't finish my message because I hit the send button in error. I've lived in Mamaroneck for 65 years and for many years the residents and business owners in the Washingtonville area have complained about the quality of life issues over and over! We've got signs posted in the parks so let's enforce the rules especially at Papes Memorial because of the ongoing issues, but we first need to untie the hands of our police officers so they can do their jobs!

Stay Well!

Carlo



PARK CLOSES
AT 10 PM NO
ONE ALLOWED
IN PARK FROM
10 PM TO 7 AM
\$250 FINE

NO
DOGS
ALLOWED
IN
PARK





From: Reca, Carlo <CReca@vomny.net>

Sent: Sunday, May 15, 2022 1:09 PM

To: Tim O'Connor <tocroc@optonline.net>; Rec&Parks <rec&parks@vomny.org>; Jerry Barberio <jbarberio@vomny.org>; Mayor and Board <MayorandBoard@vomny.org>; Chief Sandra DiRuzza <sdiruzza@vompd.com>; Jason Pinto <jpinto@vomny.org>

Subject: Park Rules

Hi,

Tim and everyone else who volunteered thank you for cleaning up the parks on Green Day. It's upsetting for me to hear again about another incident at Papes Memorial Park in the Washingtonville area of the VOM. As some may know we had to have a Police escort several times last year to Papes Park for our Parks Dept employee's because of an incident that took while they were trying to work at the park. This is totally unacceptable and needs to be addressed immediately with police visibility and enforcement!

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From: Tim O'Connor <tocroc@optonline.net>

Sent: Saturday, May 14, 2022 10:07 PM

To: Rec&Parks <rec&parks@vomny.org>

Subject: Fwd: Spring Clean and Green Day - May 2022

For awareness...

Tim O'Connor

Sent from my iPhone 8

Begin forwarded message:

From: Tim O'Connor <tocroc@optonline.net>

Date: May 14, 2022 at 3:02:34 PM EDT

To: mayorandboard@vomny.org, Chief Sandra DiRuzza <sdiruzza@vompd.com>, Jerry Barberio <jbarberio@vomny.org>

Cc: Tim O'Connor <tocroc@optonline.net>

Subject: Re: Spring Clean and Green Day - May 2022

May 14, 2022

Village Hall at the Regatta
123 Mamaroneck Avenue
Mamaroneck, NY 10543

Re: Spring Clean and Green Day - May 2022

Mayor Murphy, Board of Trustees, Chief DiRuzza, Mr. Barberio;

Today was a great day to volunteer as residents to help clean our parks in the Village of Mamaroneck. We had a great turn out by the residents in the Washingtonville area to help support cleaning our local parks. It's always good practice as citizens to give back to the community on these types of village projects - a "win win" for all.

Unfortunately, not all village park visitors are on the same positive note. There was an incident at one of our local parks this afternoon in the Washingtonville area specifically, Papes Memorial Park. At approximately 12:07pm this afternoon I had to place a 911 call into the Village of Mamaroneck Police Department because the local volunteers cleaning the park today were being harassed by park visitors at Papes Memorial park. Thankfully, none of the "Spring Clean and Green Day" volunteers were harmed.

Totally shocked and taken back as this ugly event unfolded in front of us. Questions of our safety come into play for residents and non residents visiting our village parks. At what point does volunteering for our local community become a dangerous event? Why do our local parks become an "unfriendly" place to gather? Are other parks in the Village experiencing these same issues?

I'll leave you all with these questions and perhaps you have questions of your own. As always thanks for your time....

Regards,
Timothy O'Connor
Village of Mamaroneck Resident
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(c)914-907-1773

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

PARK RULES

PARK HOURS 7AM-10PM

NO Dogs Allowed

NO Alcoholic Beverages

NO Smoking

NO Littering

NO Barbequing

NO Picnicking

NO Glass Containers

NO Loud Music/Noise

No Person(s) shall hold or sponsor any game practice, special event, or demonstration without a permit.

ANYONE DAMAGING VILLAGE PROPERTY OR VIOLATING PARK RULES WILL BE PROSECUTED

From: [Maresca, Tina](#)
To: [Reca, Carlo](#)
Cc: [Jerry Barberio](#); [Rec&Parks](#); [Mayor and Board](#); [Jason Pinto](#); [Department Heads](#)
Subject: Re: Urgent: Fields and future of youth sports
Date: Monday, May 23, 2022 5:24:14 PM

I am planning to attend the meeting tomorrow evening and can report back at our meeting next week

Sent from my iPhone

On May 23, 2022, at 4:55 PM, Reca, Carlo <CReca@vomny.net> wrote:

Hi,

Taylor's Lane for additional playing fields! NIMBY is the only issue at Taylor's Lane and it's not a health issue bc the area gets tested yearly by the county or NYS.

Stay Well!

Carlo

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From: Maresca, Tina <TMaresca@vomny.net>
Sent: Monday, May 23, 2022 9:53:14 AM
To: Jerry Barberio <jbarberio@vomny.org>
Cc: Rec&Parks <Rec&Parks@vomny.org>; Mayor and Board <MayorandBoard@vomny.org>; Jason Pinto <jpinto@vomny.org>; Department Heads <DepartmentHeads@vomny.org>
Subject: Re: Urgent: Fields and future of youth sports

Just as an FYI, soccer sent this email out last night

Dear Parents,

Some of you may have received an email today from other sports programs about a Town of Mamaroneck meeting on **Tuesday May 24th**. I am under the impression that the meeting is to give residents a voice regarding the future of our town, facilities, fields and youth sports.

As I'm sure most of you are aware, LMFC along with the other community sports programs, have our issues with fields. We simply don't have enough access to recreational field space.

Harbor Island Soccer Fields

We are far too reliant on Harbor Island for our practices and games, which as you know closes very easily resulting in many missed practices/games at the expense of the children. We complain about the condition of the fields, but the reality is it's hard to keep the fields in good condition with hundreds of kids playing soccer on the fields on a daily basis seven days a week (Fall and Spring).

To be clear, Harbor Island fields are Village of Mamaroneck (not Town of Mamaroneck) fields. Hommocks is the only Town of Mamaroneck fields that we use.

Town of Mamaroneck Open Meeting

We encourage LMFC Town of Mamaroneck Parents to attend the meeting to help bring continued awareness to local officials. The recreational field issue is a huge problem for ALL outdoor sports programs. Here are the meeting details (also please find the meeting flyer in the link below):

Tuesday May 24th - 7-9pm
@ Hommocks Ice Rink

[TOM Flyer - May Events.pdf](#)

LMFC's role in the Community

I think the purpose of the meeting will be to advocate for ALL youth sports programs and the benefits that better recreational field access would give to the community. Just speaking on behalf of soccer here's some numbers that show the popularity of the sport in the community and the important role it plays:

- LMFC is the largest Travel soccer program in Westchester with around 1000 players in the program from U8-HS.
- LMFC brings together kids from the 7 elementary schools in Larchmont/Mamaroneck.
- LMFC gives scholarships to close to 100 travel soccer players amounting to close to around \$75k a year.
- In addition to the Travel soccer program There are roughly 1500 kids that participate in LMFC and LJSL (Larchmont Junior Soccer League) rec soccer programs.

With soccer being such an important part of the community, it would be amazing to have more access to better fields for the kids to play soccer on.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 23, 2022, at 9:24 AM, Jerry Barberio
<jbarberio@vomny.org> wrote:

As some of you may know, I was approached in the fall by the LMLL President during an inspection of a flooded property. He informed me that Larchmont is kicking them out to convert to mostly soccer. They want to pay to build new fields on property we unfortunately do not have available for them. With the Rushmore side presenting its own challenges such as no parking and the current field use schedule, if Larchmont is kicking our a "tenant" we just don't have the space for them. Now this request comes in which was a problem several years ago because the MYFL could not get the required, we required, head injury insurance to satisfy our broker.

We need a policy, not my area, where only Village of Mamaroneck kids use the fields. We just don't have the space for TOM or Larchmont kids.

OR we add turf fields to the entire area and have the kids play 18 hours a day under lights.

Thank you,

Jerry Barberio
Village Manager
Village of Mamaroneck

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jason Pinto <jpinto@vomny.org>
Date: May 23, 2022 at 8:59:06 AM EDT
To: Kristen Vetter <kristen_vetter@yahoo.com>
Cc: Jeff Ahne <jahne@vomny.org>, Jerry Barberio
<jbarberio@vomny.org>, "Maresca, Tina"
<TMaresca@vomny.net>, Nora Lucas
<nlucas@vomny.org>
Subject: RE: Urgent: Fields and future of youth sports

Hi Kirsten,

Thank you for sharing. I cannot speak on anything

that happens in the TOM or VOL however I will comment on the did you know? - supposed "Facts" that relate to HIP fields. We can add this on to our next PRC agenda (6-1-2022). We have to talk about Parks codes next meeting and I feel like that discussion will take up most of our time. We may not get to it on June 1. Jason.

Did you know that MYFL and LMYL, who are both not for profit, are unable to use ANY of the fields at Harbor Island?

MYFL has used HIP in the past for both Flag and tackle football (2017 I believe). We have had issues with MYFL being able to obtain the required insurance (specifically concussion/head injury insurance that the Villages broker was requiring for the sport). We were able to give MYFL permits for flag football last fall but they backed out of the permits on Pavilion field at the last minute. We do not issue permits to LMYL due to lack of field availability and safety issues. We just do not have the fields to handle Lacrosse. Lacrosse requires contained fields with fencing and nets. Flying lacrosse balls are dangerous to park goers, vehicle traffic and soccer and tee ball that would be going on at the same time on the fields.

Did you know that most of the field rentals at Harbor Island are rented to for profit organizations? This is just factually inaccurate unless I am mistaken and LMLL (Baseball) and LMFC (Soccer) are for profit organizations. Attached is field revenue from 2018 to 2021. LMLL and LMFC take up 98% of the field time. We do not have enough field space in this community for all the users/sports that want to have games and practices. When leagues and coaches get denied space they tend to make up misinformation to stir community drama. This does not help and the community needs to come together and find a solution on field space. This is just not a VOM issue, it's a TOM and VOL issue as well (County wide really).

Jason Pinto
Recreation Supervisor

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From: Kristen Vetter <kristen_vetter@yahoo.com>

Sent: Sunday, May 22, 2022 11:15 AM

To: Jason Pinto <jpinto@vomny.org>

Subject: Fw: Urgent: Fields and future of youth sports

Hi there,

Received this email and was surprised at the 2 "facts" I highlighted. I recall when my boys were little MYFL did use harbor island for Flag football.... has that changed? Do we show preference of one organization over another?

And also curious about the "for profit" statement of our rentals. I though most were to LMLL and Soccer...

Maybe we can talk about at our next meeting.

Thanks,
Kristen

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: MYFL Board <notification@leagueathletics.com>

To: "kristen_vetter@yahoo.com" <kristen_vetter@yahoo.com>

Sent: Sunday, May 22, 2022, 09:19:54 AM EDT

Subject: Urgent: Fields and future of youth sports

Parents, we are reaching out to say thank you for being so patient with all of the schedule and field changes this season. For those who have never played a spring sport before it's a doozie to say the least!!! A drop of rain on a Monday with a field closure, will 100% cause a trickle down effect that will impact all fields throughout the week and weekend!!! Please know that behind the scenes we are constantly working to avoid these conflicts, but most of this is beyond our control.

We are reaching out to let you know about a meeting this Tuesday, May 24th about the future of our town, facilities, fields and youth sports. 2021 and 2022 had a record number of players for

MYFL. The league is the largest it has ever been! This is a great problem to have and to see SO many interested in football! For the first time ever, Section 1 high school introduced girls varsity flag football. We were disappointed that MHS was NOT invited to join. The reason being is because we have a lack of all weather fields. Currently the district and town combined only have 2 All Weather Fields. MHS and Alma, which we share with MHS Varsity and JV sports, boys and girls teams and Alma which is the home field for HMX middle school modified teams, both boys and girls.

We want to educate everyone on why we have so many changes over the spring, but also to tell you about an upcoming meeting on **May 24th**. The Town of Mamaroneck is holding meetings for residents to voice their concern and to share what we need for the future of our town. We encourage all to attend to help bring continued awareness to our local officials. This is a huge problem for all outdoor sports. Here are a few facts that most don't know about.

Quick Facts:

Did you know that the fields behind Hommocks Middle School are NOT owned by the school district? This means that middle schoolers are unable to use the fields for outdoor recess during school hours.

Did you know that the modified football team, which again had record breaking numbers, needs to cross Boston Post Road and go to Central school to practice daily because they can't use the grass fields?

Did you know that MYFL and LMYL, who are both not for profit, are unable to use ANY of the fields at Harbor Island?

Did you know that most of the field rentals at Harbor Island are rented to for profit organizations?

Did you know that MYFL and LMYL are the two largest donors to both MHS and HMX middle school to help support the needs of the football and lacrosse teams? They are both also leading

supporters for the MSF Tri and Sprint to Flint.

Thank you again for all your patience and for all the volunteers who help to make this league run! Below is a flier for Tuesday's meeting. We as parents and coaches need to pack the room on Tuesday night and voice our concerns for the future of all youth sports. Please share this email to anyone who may have a child who plays youth sports in Larchmont and Mamaroneck!!!!

The meeting will take place Tuesday, May 24th

7:00 to 9:00pm Hommocks Ice Rink

Attachments:

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We hope you found this message to be useful. However, if you'd rather not receive future e-mails from us, please [click here to unsubscribe](#)

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting - May 4, 2022 via Zoom

Attendees: Tina Maresca, Karrie Sergio, Kristen Vetter, Carlo Reca, Heather Castellani Milboer, Brittany Ross, Tim O'Connor, Manny Rawlings, Cindy Fasolino

Present: Jason Pinto, Jeff Ahne, Nora Lucas, Jerry Barberio

Opening:

Tina made a motion to open the meeting, Karrie seconded. Tina made a motion to approve the April minutes, Brittany seconded, all approved.

Village Manager/PRC Personnel Discussion – Recreation Supervisor

Jerry spoke with the committee about Jason working as a recreation supervisor for several years now. We couldn't elevate him to recreation superintendent, which is what he's been doing, because he was not in the position to have enough experience to take the recreation superintendent test. On June 28th we have an opportunity to promote Jason to Rec Superintendent, which is the title the County wants us to use anyway. Jerry wanted to ask us if there was anything we thought Jason should be doing in addition to what he already does. The committee feels that Jason is doing a fantastic job and the only improvements might be to some programming, revamping the website and creating a brochure for the VOM, similar to the Town of Mamk. It doesn't necessarily have to be a paper brochure but at least on the Village website so residents can always see what's going on at all times. Jerry asked about it being annual but the committee said seasonally; fall/winter, spring/summer. Brittany offered her help as she is a web designer. The committee continued to express their feelings about Jason; he has great ideas, he's easy to work with, he listens, he gets things done, he's helpful, knowledgeable, positive, has great energy and a concern for the community...the list went on and on. Jerry also said he gave Robert and Jason a task to create an announcement that we're back and programs are going on because they tried to return as many effective programs as we had before Covid. He suggested possibly a subcommittee of the PRC for the sole purpose of looking at improving our web presence as well as pushing out information on our programs that could work with Jason. Jerry also let us know that in a short time, we will learn that we've received some major awards and designations for our hard work, perseverance and creativity during a difficult time, should come out in June.

Capital Projects

Jefferson Avenue Park Playground Design Update:

Jeff said they made some changes. The biggest change is to the little kids playground, they decided to add a shade structure because they have to remove 3 trees and place them elsewhere to make access to the ADA ramps and swingset. They also added a couple more garbage cans and benches. The cost for the playground equipment and installation (Miracle, state bid) is \$197,868.88, that's to make the playground fully ADA compliant, rubber surface, shade structure, benches, garbage cans, picnic benches... Perimeter fencing, sidewalk, cobblestone, basketball court surface quote (DeRosa) is an additional \$145,000. Tim asked about the warranty. Jeff said the rubber playground surface has a 7-year warranty, the equipment has a 15-18 year lifespan, the warranty is 4 years. Kristen asked if they could put a recycling bin next to the garbage cans. Jeff said the new receptacles would be for both garbage

and recycling. They would like to ask for a 10% contingency to offset any rise in cost of materials. Carlo suggested a 15% contingency, Tim agreed. The funding source would be the trust fund which has \$432,769.39. Jerry said the 15% contingency would only be on the balance of the project less the playground cost which is firm. The trust fund is really a recreation parks fund. Tina asked if that money is replenished. Nora said it is only replenished when projects are done, it's a recreation fee charged to residential recreation projects. Kristen asked about two distinct recreation areas that the money was to be used for, so are we just going to use it all for the one park? Jason said that was the original thought process and they were hoping to get two parks out of it but it's just so expensive. So do we split it up and get less at each park or do we just overhaul one park that needs it desperately? Nora said the first time we used it was for the swings at Columbus Park and the goal was to use it in neighborhoods where buildings had been built. Carlo said it's long overdue and we were supposed to do a park every five years, most have gone through some kind of renovation within the last 15-20 years but Jefferson hasn't been touched. Jerry said the Board may have the same thought process as Kristen. Kristen asked if there was any harm in taking half from the trust and half from Village funds so we have some money to start off on the next park? Jerry said they're really focused on our rivers and other work so the risk comes in to where we have other projects, but this money can only be used for recreation. Kristen said she is concerned that Jeff and Jason have presented us with an extensive list and that we won't have funds for work that needs to be done in parks across the Village. Tina asked if we would have enough left to fix Florence Park and Nora said not with these funds. Jeff said Florence Park is repairable for now and that's what the people using the park want for as long as possible. Tina said she thought that the trust money could be used to pay Miracle but the Village should find the money to pay for the other stuff since it's not technically the playground and the Village is supposed to maintain it anyway. Jason said ultimately the Board is going to determine where the funding will come from, we can make a recommendation but they will approve the funding and the project. Jeff said if we took half of the funds, the rest of the money will not pay for any serious upgraded equipment that we want in any of the parks. Nora said they've been trying to get a 5-year capital plan, they haven't adopted one yet but they're closer. They've been funding things as they come up but they need to do it more systematically. They can't do four parks in 4 years they just don't have the funding so the conversation we're having now, the BOT will have to have. Jefferson is the park slated for renewal next but the reality is they don't know when they'll be able to fund Florence Park. Carlo pointed out that historically previous parks have come out of the general fund. Brittany mentioned that when we originally talked about this it would be urgent to do Jefferson because Columbus would be closed during flood mitigation work, not sure of the timing. Jerry said that's quite a few years down the road but it will take a significant amount of time to get Jefferson up and running as well. Jason said that's why Jefferson is being done first. Jeff said we've seen the capital list and he feels if we could get a jumpstart on one park with the fund balance and get another park approved in the capital projects, that's two parks approved in 5 years so we'd be ahead of the game and not be so far behind. Nora said HIP had to be 21 years ago when it was put together but she thought maybe there's a way to engage the community to fundraise for parks equipment. Carlo asked if they were already discussing that, Jeff said that's for the Rushmore side. Nora also said maybe that's something else to pursue, we're not going to get another recreation fund replenished that big again. Jeff said he's also in touch with John (?) and June Ottinger, they're with Friends of Florence Park. They were the ones who really headlined HIP and he and Jason have met with them several times to

show them what's going on with it so the dialog is there that we need a HIP playground and they seem interested. Tina asked for a motion to approve the Jefferson Ave Playground final design and pricing, total amount of \$364,818 with the 15% contingency. Brittany made a motion, Kristen seconded, all approved. The source of the funds will be determined by the Board.

Event Request – Mamaroneck Avenue School 1st Grade Picnic:

Jason said MAS 1st grade wants to do a picnic in the park. There are three other MAS schools and senior high school. It's 100 kids, parents, and teachers, insurance is approved already and the school district has agreed to pay \$600 per trip to the park that will include parking for their guests. Tina said they've been doing it for years. Jason just wanted to inform us since it's a larger event. Committee had no concerns.

Recreation Update:

Jason said they're working on hiring camp counselors, it's going well but they do need a few more, 16 and older. Camp is full with 315 registered campers, 18 kids on scholarship a little under \$20k. They opened pre-season boat ramp parking so they have attendants in the booth on Sat and Sun. The Marina also opened up this past Sunday so boaters are putting their boats in the water. Working on different events, Emelin Theater concerts, Tiki Invasion, Movies in the Park, facility rentals, paving is continuing and should be done before the end of May. Permits are going well, youth sports permits, and adult leagues are starting. Jerry has an admin intern that comes down to the PRC pavilion on Mon and Wed to help with seasonal permits. Brittany asked about having a food truck in HIP. Jason said we have seven food trucks booked for this summer. We also have the food truck that's always at the bait shop.

Parks Update:

Carlo asked about the **county pier** project. Jerry said the county got a little delayed by the DEC. The DEC permit started April 1st, he got a call on April 10/11 because the county was stressed out that they did not have a mitigation project which is required in their permit. They explained at one time they thought that a walkway project in HIP would have been an appropriate mitigation project but they had to abandon that so they got into an agreement with a dilapidated house on a large property on Taylors Lane to expand the naturalized area and that qualifies. As soon as they close on that project, they are ready to start construction. He will try to connect with them to see what their actual start date is but they may not have one yet because they're supposed to contact us. That's as much as he can tell us.

Jeff updated us on the **dog park**. He had fencing companies come in. He's waiting for estimates for the fencing, electronic latches and gates for the dog park. Jerry said he'll be pulling away from it because he has 8 large projects in the Village right now. A lot have to do with issues with the DEC, orders on consent, legal action from environmental entities, the Mamk Res Dam and those kinds of things, so he's kind of handed it off to Jeff. Tina asked who will fund the dog park if we can go ahead with it. Jerry said we can get fencing and that kind of stuff but he's pretty much handing it off to Jeff. Once Jeff gets estimates back he can bring it to the Board. Jerry said he has \$5.5 million sewer remediation projects going on and they're about 80% complete on the first phase. End of July will start the second phase which is an additional \$3 million dollars. In order for the contractors to continue to work he has to

occupy that parking area that we were going to utilize for dog park users. The project won't be complete until probably summer of 2024. Karrie said she didn't think the parking was as big of a deal as actually having a fenced in park with a gate so it's contained. The parking would be nice if it could happen but it's more important to have an enclosed park itself. Carlo said they've been screaming for a basketball court for years and also for a volleyball area that the community as whole would utilize as well as summer campers and he feels there are other projects that need to be addressed prior to a dog park. Tina said there are existing volleyball and basketball courts but there is no existing dog park. Carlo said not down at HIP. Karrie said we know that we disagree about this and no one is more right or more wrong it's just how we feel about what is more important to the community. Jason said we can hopefully have it all once the county pier is set. Everything is a process. Carlo also said in reference to the dog park, Frank Marsala, the architect, has offered to help and plan for free. Tina asked if we were allowed to utilize him, Jerry said he can volunteer and we can work through the process.

Jeff said they starting cutting grass, 144 acres each week, weeding flower beds, and mulching. They will be hanging flower baskets on the Avenue, they spread about 60 yards of top soil in HIP alone, the ridges near the baseball field will be filled in, including the sinkhole. There's Clean and Green Day this weekend, and the dedication to the Poetry Garden. Jerry said he talked Bartlett into doing a free workshop for our staff to show them how to do pruning on street trees, which will extend to park trees as well. They'll be doing chipper and work zone safety as well. Beach season is approaching so they will be spreading new sand and backfilling washed out parts of the beach.

Brittany asked about spraying for mosquitoes this year. Jerry said there are two individuals in the Village who are licensed to spray mosquitoes. We also have a police officer and himself, they typically send the police office to take care of certain areas like Otter Creek. We also treat every catch basin with a 180 day brick but we have not had a program for any parks. We typically try to spray with a cedar oil around the carnival time but they're more focused on our wetlands and our catch basins which are the biggest breeders. Our program starts around the middle to the end of May so we could do some other occasional spraying with an organic product. Brittany said Jefferson Ave Park gets a lot of shade and gets to be mosquito city in the evening so she would say enclosed parks that have extended time in the shade would be areas to spray. Jerry said we would need to expand our permit to spray which might be a little difficult to do but what we can do in the height of the season is monitor some areas and use our cedar oil. Nora asked if there was any way to add fans, that might be a solution. Carlo asked about bird houses and Karrie mentioned bats eat mosquitoes but the shift in the type of mosquitoes we get, tiger mosquitoes, are particularly vicious. Jerry said based on where we live to not have a mosquito situation would be very rare because almost every area has a wetland or river or marshy area. Jeff also suggested planting some mint in the parks.

Code Violations in Village Parks: agenda item was pushed to next meeting.

Closing: Tina made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Karrie seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting is June 1st.