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Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting – October 12, 2022

## **Agenda**

VILLAGE HALL CONFERENCE ROOM - 123 MAMARONECK AVENUE, MAMARONECK, NY 10543

You are invited to a Zoom webinar: Oct 12, 2022, 06:45 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Recreation and Parks Commission Meeting. Please click the link below to join the webinar: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84183900400

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## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

Jason Pinto

- Comprehensive Plan Discussion with Neil Desai
- FY 23-24 Fee Schedule Discussion/Approval
- Dog Park Update
- Field For Kids Update
- Code Enforcement in Village Parks
- HIP Westchester County Pier Update
- Parks & Recreation Revenue Discussion
- Parks Department Update
- **Recreation Department Update**

## **ACTION MAY BE REQUIRED:**

- Approve June & September 2022 Minutes
- FY 23-24 Fee Schedule Discussion/Approval

## **Upcoming Events:**

November Parks & Recreation Commission meeting to be held on November 2, 2022.

# Village of Mamaroneck Recreation - FY 2023-24 Draft Fee Schedule

Field/Park/Facility/Program	Duration of Fee	Day of the Week	Resident Fee 2022	Non-resident Fee 2022	Proposed Res. Fee 2023	% 个 Resident	Proposed Non-Res. Fee 2023	% 个 Non-resident
Harbor Island Park Athletic Field Rental	Hour	Any	\$30, Sports Organizations with Village Participants ONLY	\$75.00	\$38, Sports Organizations with Village Participants ONLY	26.6%	\$95.00	26.6%
Lanza Field Band Stand	Hour	Any	\$40.00/ VOM Business	\$60.00/Non-VOM Business	\$42.00/ VOM Business	5.0%	\$63.00	5.00%
Production Company Parking	24 Hours	Any	\$3000 (150 spaces), Each Additional Space is \$20	\$3000 (150 spaces), Each Additional Space is \$20	\$3500 (150 spaces), Each Additional Space is \$20	16.6%	\$3500 (150 spaces), Each Additional Space is \$20	16.6%
Beach Tent Rental (Parking not included)	4 Hour Minimum	Saturdays & Sundays Only	\$400, Each Additional Hour is \$50	\$500, Each Additional Hour is \$75	\$420, Each Additional Hour is \$55	5.0%	\$525, Each Additional Hour is \$80	5.0%
Harbor Island Pavilion Deck Rental:								
	05/27/22-09/05/22,		\$440, Each Additional Hour is	\$600, Each Additional Hour is				
Party Package (Includes Parking and Beach)	4 Hour Minimum	Any	\$55	\$90	\$460, Each Additional Hour is \$60	4.5%	\$630, Each Additional Hour is \$95	5.0%
Deck Rental ONLY	05/27/22-09/05/22, 4 Hour Minimum	Any	\$220, Each Additional Hour is \$55	\$360, Each Additional Hour is \$60	\$230, Each Additional Hour is \$60	4.5%	\$378, Each Additional Hour is \$65	5.0%
Off Season Pricing	09/06/22-05/25/23, 4 Hour Minimum	Any	\$220, Each Additional Hour is \$55	\$360, Each Additional Hour is \$60	\$230, Each Additional Hour is \$60	4.5%	\$378, Each Additional Hour is \$65	5.0%
Facility Rental - Red Room						T		
Season (Memorial Day - Labor Day)	4 Hour Minimum	Any	\$300, Each Additional Hour is \$75	\$400, Each Additional Hour is \$100	\$315, Each Additional Hour is \$80	5.0%	\$420, Each Additional Hour is \$105	5.0%
Off Season Pricing	4 Hour Minimum	Any	\$180, Each Additional Hour is \$45	\$240, Each Additional Hour is \$60	\$200, Each Additional Hour is \$50	11.0%	\$265, Each Additional Hour is \$65	11.0%
Facility Rental - Pavilion Lobby:								
Season (Memorial Day - Labor Day)	4 Hour Minimum	Any	\$300. Each Additional Hour is \$75	\$400, Each Additional Hour is \$100	\$315. Each Additional Hour is \$80	5.0%	\$420, Each Additional Hour is \$105	5.0%
Off Season Pricing	4 Hour Minimum	Any	\$180, Each Additional Hour is \$45	\$240, Each Additional Hour is \$60	\$200, Each Additional Hour is \$50	11.0%	\$265, Each Additional Hour is \$65	11.0%
Harbor Island Park Parking Fees:								
Individual Seasonal Membership (Per Car)	Season	Any	\$45.00	\$110.00	\$47.00	4.5%	\$120.00	9.0%
VOM Business Seasonal Membership (Per Car)	Season	Any	N/A	N/A	\$47.00	-	\$47.00	-
Weekday Pass	Daily	Monday to Thursday	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$8.00	0.00%	\$8.00	0.00%
Weekend and Holidays Pass	Daily	Friday, Saturday, Sunday	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	0.00%	\$12.00	0.00%
Stephen E. Johnston Beach Fees:						•		
Individual Membership	Season	Any	\$45.00	\$120.00	\$47.00	4.5%	\$130.00	9.0%
Family Membership	Season	Any	\$90.00	\$260.00	\$95.00	5.5%	\$285.00	9.0%
Senior Membership	Lifetime	Any	\$15.00	N/A	\$15.00	0.0%	N/A	N/A
Adult Daily Pass	Daily	Any	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$13.00	18.0%	\$13.00	18.0%
Child Daily Pass	Daily	Any	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$8.00	0.0%	\$8.00	0.0%
Senior Daily Pass	Daily	Any	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$6.00	0.0%	\$6.00	0.0%
Day Camp:  Grades K - 6th Paid Between 03/15/21 - 06/01/21	6 Weeks - 29 days	Monday-Friday	\$1,200.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,200.00	0.0%	\$1,500.00	0.0%
Grades 7th-9th Between 03/15/21 - 06/01/21	6 Weeks - 29 days	Monday-Friday	\$1,300.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,300.00	0.0%	\$1,600.00	0.0%
Optional Fee Early Morning - Per Child	Camp Season	Monday-Friday	\$200.00 - Per Family	\$200.00 - Per Family	7:00am -9:00am \$150.00 Per Child	N/A	7:00am -9:00am \$150.00 Per Child	N/A
Optional Fee Extended Day - Per Child	Camp Season	Monday-Friday	\$175.00 3:00PM-4:00PM, \$350.00 3:00PM-5:00PM	\$175.00 3:00PM-4:00PM, \$350.00 3:00PM-5:00PM	3:00PM-4:30PM, \$350.00 Per Child	0.0%	3:00PM-4:30PM, \$350.00 Per Child	0.0%
Adult Softball:								
Spring/Summer Softball League	April-August	Once/Week	\$1,350.00/League	\$1,350.00/League	\$1,350.00/League	0.0%	\$1,350.00/League	0.0%
Fall Softball	September-November	Once/Week	\$750.00/League	\$750.00/League	\$750.00/League	0.0%	\$750.00/League	0.0%
Programs:	-					-		
Total Body Fitness	Bi-Yearly	Twice/Week	\$105.00/30 classes	\$157.00/30 classes	\$120.00/30 classes	14.0%	\$180.00/30 classes	15.0%
Tennis Clinics	Quarterly	Weekend/Holiday	Free	N/A	Free	0.0%	N/A	0.0%
Resident Tennis Clinics	9 Weeks	Once/Week	Free	N/A	Free	0.0%	N/A	0.0%
Tovami Yoga on the Grass Tovami Yoga on the Beach	Season Season	Twice/Week	\$10.00-\$25.00/Class \$10.00-\$25.00/Class	\$10.00-\$25.00/Class \$10.00-\$25.00/Class	\$10.00-\$25.00/Class \$10.00-\$25.00/Class	0.0% 0.0%	\$10.00-\$25.00/Class \$10.00-\$25.00/Class	0.0%
rovarni Yoga on the Beach	Season	Three/Week	\$10.00-\$25.00/Class	\$10.00-\$25.00/Class	\$10.00-\$25.00/Class	U.U%	\$10.00-\$25.00/Class	U.U%

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Squirts or Senior Squirts Golf	6 Weeks	Once/Week	\$155.00	\$155.00	\$155.00	0.0%	\$155.00	0.0%
Squirts or Senior Squirts Basketball	6 Weeks	Once/Week	\$155.00	\$155.00	\$155.00	0.0%	\$155.00	0.0%
Intermediate Stand Up Paddle Board	Season	1.5 Hours	\$50.00/Class	\$70.00/Class	\$50.00/Class	0.0%	\$70.00/Class	0.0%
Teen Paddle SUP	Season	1.5 Hours	\$50.00/Class	\$70.00/Class	\$50.00/Class	0.0%	\$70.00/Class	0.0%
Sunset Paddle Board	Season	1.5 Hours	\$50.00/Class	\$70.00/Class	\$50.00/Class	0.0%	\$70.00/Class	0.0%
Intro Stand Up Paddle Board	Season	2 Hours	\$70.00/Class	\$90.00/Class	\$70.00/Class	0.0%	\$90.00/Class	0.0%
Kayak Program-Adult	Season	2 Hours	\$85.00/Class	\$95.00/Class	\$85.00/Class	0.0%	\$95.00/Class	0.0%
Kayak Program-Junior	Season	1.5 Hours	\$75.00/Class	\$85.00/Class	\$75.00/Class	0.0%	\$85.00/Class	0.0%
Kayak Program-Youth	Season	1 Hour	\$60.00/Class	\$70.00/Class	\$60.00/Class	0.0%	\$70.00/Class	0.0%
Sunset or Naturalist Kayak Tour	Season	1.5 Hours	\$40.00/Class	\$50.00/Class	\$40.00/Class	0.0%	\$50.00/Class	0.0%
Town/Village Kayak Program-Adult	Season	2 Hours	\$85.00/Class	\$95.00/Class	\$85.00/Class	0.0%	\$95.00/Class	0.0%
Town/Village Kayak Program-Junior	Season	1.5 Hours	\$75.00/Class	\$85.00/Class	\$75.00/Class	0.0%	\$85.00/Class	0.0%
Town/Village Kayak Program-Youth	Season	1 Hour	\$60.00/Class	\$70.00/Class	\$60.00/Class	0.0%	\$70.00/Class	0.0%
Town/Village Kayak Summer Camp	1 Week	Monday-Thursday	\$170.00	\$190.00	\$170.00	0.0%	\$190.00	0.0%
Pickleball:								
Pickleball Membership-Senior	Yearly	Any	\$80.00	n/a	\$80.00	0.0%	n/a	0.0%
Pickleball Membership-Adult (61 & under)	Yearly	Any	\$120.00	n/a	\$120.00	0.0%	n/a	0.0%
Pickleball Guest Fee (w/member)	Game	Any	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	0.0%	\$5.00	0.0%

## Notes:

Baseball is run through Larchmont Mamaroneck Little League. Soccer is run through Larchmont Mamaroneck Football Club. Volleyball is run through Westchester Volleyball NY.

Key
Rental Fees
Parking Fees
Beach
Camp
Softball
Rec Program
Pickleball
Fee Increase
New Fee

Harbor Island Park - Large Event Facility Rental				
Number of Participants	Fee			
0-100	\$600.00			
101-500	\$3,000.00			
501-1,000	\$6,000.00			
1,001-5,000	\$30,000.00			
5,001-10,000	\$60,000.00			

<sup>\*</sup>Does NOT include staff overtime\*

Baseline of \$6.00/person was used for the above pricing.

2022-2023 Master Fee Schedule	2023-2024 Master Fee Schedule
Harbor Island Park Field Rental Resident:	Harbor Island Park Field Rental Resident:
\$30	\$38
Harbor Island Park Field Rental Non-Resident: \$75	Harbor Island Park Field Rental Non-Resident: \$95
Harbor Island Park Lanza Field Band Stand Resident: \$40	Harbor Island Park Lanza Field Band Stand Resident: \$42
Harbor Island Park Lanza Field Band Stand Non-Resident: \$60	Harbor Island Park Lanza Field Band Stand Non-Resident: \$63
Production Company Parking Resident: \$3,000	Production Company Parking Resident: \$3,500
Production Company Parking Non-Resident:	Production Company Parking Non-Resident:
\$3,000 Stephen E. Johnston Beach Tent Rental Resident:	\$3, 500 Stephen E. Johnston Beach Tent Rental Resident:
\$400,	\$420,
Each additional hour is \$50	Each additional hour is \$55
Stephen E. Johnston Beach Tent Rental Non-Resident: \$500,	Stephen E. Johnston Beach Tent Rental Non-Resident: \$525,
Each additional hour is \$75	Each additional hour is \$80
Harbor Island Pavilion Deck Rental Party Package Resident: \$440,	Harbor Island Pavilion Deck Rental Party Package Resident: \$460,
Each additional hour is \$55	Each additional hour is \$60
Harbor Island Pavilion Deck Rental Party Package Non-Resident:	Harbor Island Pavilion Deck Rental Party Package Non-Resident:
\$600, Each additional hour is \$90	\$630, Each additional hour is \$95
Harbor Island Pavilion Deck Rental ONLY Resident:	Harbor Island Pavilion Deck Rental ONLY Resident:
\$220, Each additional hour is \$55	\$230, Each additional hour is \$60
Harbor Island Pavilion Deck Rental ONLY Non-Resident:	Harbor Island Pavilion Deck Rental ONLY Non-Resident:
\$360, Each additional hour is \$60	\$378, Each additional hour is \$65
Harbor Island Pavilion Deck Rental OFF-SEASON Resident:	Harbor Island Pavilion Deck Rental OFF SEASON Resident:
\$220, Each additional hour is \$55	\$230, Each additional hour is \$60
Harbor Island Pavilion Deck Rental OFF-SEASON Non-Resident:	Harbor Island Pavilion Deck Rental OFF-SEASON Non-Resident:
\$360, Each additional hour is \$60	\$378, Each additional hour is \$65
Harbor Island Facility Rental Red Room IN SEASON Resident:	Harbor Island Facility Rental Red Room IN SEASON Resident:
\$300, Each additional hour is \$75	\$315, Each additional hour is \$80
Harbor Island Facility Rental Red Room IN SEASON Non-Resident:	Harbor Island Facility Rental Red Room IN SEASON Non-Resident:
\$400, Each additional hour is \$100	\$420, Each additional hour is \$105
Harbor Island Facility Rental Red Room OFF SEASON Resident:	Harbor Island Facility Rental Red Room OFF SEASON Resident:
\$180, Each additional hour is \$45	\$200, Each additional hour is \$50
Harbor Island Facility Rental Red Room OFF SEASON Non-Resident:	Harbor Island Facility Rental Red Room OFF SEASON Non-Resident:
\$240,	\$265,
Each additional hour is \$60  Harbor Island Facility Rental Pavilion Lobby IN SEASON Resident:	Each additional hour is \$65 Harbor Island Facility Rental Pavilion Lobby IN SEASON Resident:
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\$240,	\$265,
Each additional hour is \$60 Harbor Island Park Parking Individual Resident:	Each additional hour is \$65 Harbor Island Park Parking Individual Resident:
\$45	\$47

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Harbor Island Park Parking Individual Non-resident:	Harbor Island Park Parking Individual Non-resident:		
\$110	\$120		
Harbor Island Park Daily Parking (Friday)	Harbor Island Park Daily Parking (Friday)		
\$8	\$12		
Harbor Island Park Beach Individual Resident:	Harbor Island Park Beach Individual Resident:		
\$45	\$47		
Harbor Island Park Beach Individual Non-resident:	Harbor Island Park Beach Individual Non-resident:		
\$120	\$130		
Harbor Island Park Beach Family Resident:	Harbor Island Park Beach Family Resident:		
\$90	\$95		
Harbor Island Park Beach Family Non-resident:	Harbor Island Park Beach Family Non-resident:		
\$260	\$285		
Harbor Island Park Daily Beach Pass (Adult):	Harbor Island Park Daily Beach Pass (Adult):		
\$11	\$13		
Day Camp-Optional Fee Early Morning (Per Family):	Day Camp-Optional Fee Early Morning (Per Child):		
\$200	\$150		
Day Camp-Optional Fee Extended Day 3-4pm (Per Child):	Day Camp-Optional Fee Extended Day 3-4:30pm (Per Child):		
\$175	\$350		
Day Camp-Optional Fee Extended Day 3-5pm (Per Child):	Day Camp-Optional Fee Extended Day 3-4:30pm (Per Child):		
\$350	\$350		
Total Body Fitness with Joyce Resident:	Total Body Fitness with Joyce Resident:		
\$105	\$120		
Total Body Fitness with Joyce Non-resident:	Total Body Fitness with Joyce Non-resident:		
\$157	\$180		

#### Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting - June 1, 2022 via Zoom

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

Present: Jason Pinto, Jeff Ahne, Nora Lucas

#### Opening:

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

#### **Recreation Website Subcommittee**

Tina said Jerry suggested we create a subcommittee to help Jason upgrade the website. Nora said two people would probably be enough. Brittany and Cindy offered to help; Nora will be a liaison. Updates to enhance the website will not begin before September.

## **Recreation Update:**

Jason wanted to thank Jeff and DPW because the park is paved and the lines are getting painted this week so thanks also to our trustees and village manager for approving the project. Camp is full and beginning 6/27 with 330 campers, 67 staff members. The beach is open and had a tremendously busy holiday weekend. Out first movie night is coming up next Friday in HIP, working with One Mamaroneck on a Juneteenth event on 6/18 in Columbus Park, Firemen's carnival, July 4<sup>th</sup>, Arts Council movie/concert, Emelin Theater concerts, tennis clinics, kayaking/SUP programs, adult softball/volleyball, all the sports' permits all being done. Brittany asked about the SUP program being pretty limited. Jason said that was due to a lack of instructors, qualified instructors being hard to find. Heather asked if there were any openings left for kids for camp, or a waitlist. Jason said even the waitlist is closed, they pretty much only took residents this year.

#### Parks Update:

Jeff said they're cutting grass, they planted 36 trees, blacktop and paving done, painting lines now. Helping Jason with cleaning the beach every morning with their new tractor and beach rig. Waiting on 3 donation benches and two swing donations, and taking care of fields every day.

#### **Code Violations in Village Parks:**

Jason compiled everything he had from different comments from PRC and Tim on what happened on Clean and Green Day so we could discuss quality of life issues. Tim spoke to the parks in Washingtonville; Columbus, Gianunzio, Bub Walker and Pape's. Two of the parks, Bub Walker and Pape's have issues. Residents all know that after 10pm on warm days people tend to hang out at Bub Walker and drink, smoke and all that stuff in the parks. Pape's is Bub Walker issues magnified. Looking for support from the Village police department as well as park rangers to come around on a regular basis to supervise, manage and close the park down at 10pm. During the day they need visual supervision, show a presence. Give a summons if necessary to show people that what they're doing is not acceptable, it's a code violation. A year ago, they had a meeting with the chief so the chief knows what's going on, this is nothing new and

has been going on for years but things came to a boil on May 14th where volunteers were harassed by park goers all day. Police were called and came down but the constant park goers that visit the park are impacting the residents' quality of life. He thinks it's time for code violations or a summons to be handed out in these parks. Carlo said there were 3 community meetings, he attended the first meeting, and it was not only residents but Shark Tank customers were getting harassed also. Carlo said he asked the police in that meeting if their hands were tied and they said yes. Historically there have always been issues over there, drug dealings etc. but now it's becoming real issue and police need to be able to do their job. There have been discussions about more lighting, putting up cameras etc., but they need to address it. Brittany said this was also an issue in Columbus Park with alcohol bottles, a ton of garbage, people drunk in the park in the evening. Families were telling her they didn't want to go there because they were nervous to be there, she asked aren't there police there and they said not really, the police don't want to go to the park anymore because it looks bad if they get people in trouble but that is the job so we need to be enforcing the rules that make our community safer for everyone. Jeff gave another example of an incident last year at Pape's Park with two his employees picking up garbage there, there was a vigil set up which they will leave for a week or so but they removed some liquor bottles and marijuana plant. The next time they visited the park his guys were approached by a group of people wanting the names of who removed the liquor bottles and plant because next time there would be problems. So, for about 3-4 months they had a police escort at the park to make sure his guys were not put in any sort of danger. After that a couple park goers came up to him asking what was going on and Jeff explained to them that they leave the candles but they couldn't have the liquor bottles or plants out in the open in the park. After that it cooled down. Karrie said she felt that this was a problem that we as the PRC don't have any power to do anything about, this is something that the BOT and the police have to address. If you're looking for support from us that this has to stop, 100% yes it does. Jason said from a Parks & Rec staff perspective they field a lot of these calls and complaints about these different issues that they have no control over and it's great that we're taking about it but ultimately the Board would have to send some sort of communication to the police department as one voice. Karrie said yes but as PRC she doesn't know what we can do to help other than say yes something needs to be done and we're supportive of that but it's out of our hands and if the people whose hands it is in are saying their hands are tied, don't know how to respond to that. Carlo said they need to get out there but this has been going on for years. Tina said you do not understand what it's like to be a police officer unless you're wearing that uniform and doing that job and it's even harder when you're not backed. She agrees with everything we're saying but things need to change all around. Tina also said many years ago the Village had a harassment lawsuit because police were driving through Columbus Park too many times so it's not just what the police can do, it's more than that. Tim said maybe as a collective board we can said a letter to the Board or change things in the park. Tim also said he's also concerned about the high school kids who want to set up the Summer Slide program in Pape's Park and make sure those kids are safe too. Tina asked Nora who the contact was for that because she thought if coop camp was going to be at MAS, they should do it at MAS. Jeff said he brought some of these issues forward to them but they were stuck on doing it at Pape's Park. Nora said they wanted to take it outside of a school environment, Jeff said it was an outside of school program and something for the community. Jeff said that at all the other parks there is no parking in front of the entrance to a park but at Pape's they're parked all the way up to the corner so you can't see in. It also creates a danger when crossing the street so he suggested maybe we could post no parking in front of the

park so it opens the park up, in addition to more police presence and everything else. Tina will send an email to that effect to the Board and the Traffic Commission. Nora just wanted to say that as long as she's been on the Board, they have never directed the police to not do their job, she thinks it's just a stressful time to be a police officer right now but she doesn't think the BOT isn't supportive of the police. Brittany asked if was possible to work with the police department to bridge the gap and work together. Tina said we also need to keep in mind all the other parks and it needs to be an overall discussion to better control all the parks. Jason said there are so many park rules being broken all the time but as a staff member when he reaches out to the police/chief they are very thoughtful and responsive and he couldn't ask more from them what he needs in terms of safety for his program. Tina said to Brittany's point there is ongoing communication between the police department and Jason, Jeff and Nora. Kristen said she knows we have several code enforcement officers so she wanted someone to explain what the code enforcement officers enforce vs what the police do. Nora said the code enforcement officers are not police officers, they enforce Village codes, they can write citations and Jason can also write some tickets in the park. Jason said he could potentially write a ticket and he believes the Village manager has the authority to appoint any employee as a code enforcer but they won't put themselves in a dangerous situation. Tina asked if that was something the Building Dept is supposed to be doing. Nora said code enforcement works through the Building Dept and they have someone who works five days a week, two of them weekend days but there have been staffing issues and she doesn't know if code enforcement officials would enforce those kinds of things in parks. Tina asked about Park Rangers. Jason said they are under the police department and start at 6pm but that would be a question for the police department. Brittany said it sounds like we need to ensure the right people are positioned in the right places to enforce the rules. Laura and Jimmy Abbate joined the meeting as guests to speak more about all the issues in the flats. Tina thought maybe we could come up with additional suggestions that could put together so if anyone has any additional ideas they can email them to Tina.

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

Next meeting is September 7<sup>th</sup>.

## Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting - September 7, 2022, 7:30 PM

## Village Courtroom 169 Mount Pleasant Ave, Mamaroneck, NY 10543

Attendees: Tina Maresca, Brittany Ross, Tim O'Connor, Carlo Reca, Karrie Sergio, Manny Rawlings

(remotely)

Absent: Cindy Fasolino, Heather Castellani Milboer, Kristen Vetter

Present: Jason Pinto, Jeff Ahne, Nora Lucas

#### Opening:

Tina asked for a motion to open the meeting, Brittany made the motion, Carlo seconded.

**Girl Scouts Presentation:** postponed

#### Dog Park Update:

As per Jeff, information went to the HCZMC and they requested additional information about surface materials, gate/fencing and a cleanup study which was sent to them a few weeks ago. Per Nora, due to a Board delay the information was not received in time for HCZMC's special August meeting so it will be on for September. Jeff believes what they submitted was adequate. Nora said what they requested is part of what they have to do to make sure the proposed action is not inconsistent with the LWRP.

Karrie asked if the information that was provided to HCZMC was location specific. Jeff said it was location specific. She expressed her concerns about the proposed location next to the Waste Water and Treatment Plant, that we are trying to cram the dog park between the ball fields and the soccer fields in an already crowded location, when the place where people at the Harbor are already with their dogs is around the west basin, both off and on leash. She really feels like the dog park committee was pushed into agreeing with the proposed location being told that it would happen a lot sooner if we went with that spot. The committee briefly discussed the other spots they had looked at and the west basin issues, the main concerns being resident opposition, parking and the protected area. The committee agreed and decided that the best thing to do was to have the Dog Park Ad Hoc Subcommittee meet at the two sites to discuss again before going ahead with anything. Karrie will send out an email to the dog park committee asking for a meeting. Brittany asked what the lead time was once we figure things out, Tina was more concerned about how it was gong to be funded. Nora said prices have doubled since we started and there has to be a SECR, an environmental review, and HCZMC has to determine that it's consistent with the LWRP before they can fund it. They also have to have a funding source because the recreation fund has now been pretty much drained so we should think about donations via private sponsors in addition to reserve funds. Jeff said lead time is probably 6-8 weeks to get materials in and then another 2-3 weeks since we're doing it in-house. Nora said if we decide to make a different recommendation it has to go back to the Board and then back to HCZMC before the Board can approve the funding.

## Pape's Park Update:

Tina said after our last discussion about Pape's Park, she sent an email on behalf of the committee to the Traffic Commission, she and Tim attended the Traffic Commission meeting, and everyone seemed to agree that it would be a benefit to get rid of the parking in front of the park for safety and other reasons, 1 spot on Old Plains Rd and 4 spots on Madison. Nora said the recommendation by the Traffic Commission to remove the parking spots still has to be reviewed by the BOT and may be on their September meeting. Carlo said there are 3 other various commissions that are saying it should be done, so it should be done. Jarett Winchester was in attendance and wanted to know when this topic first came up and what the safety concerns were. He said the proposal, chapter 88 of the traffic law, says it's looking to take 110' from the corner to the end of the property, that's more than 4 spots, there's already a sign no parking from here to the corner. Tina said it was only supposed to be 1 spot on Old Plains Rd and 4 spots on Madison, just up to the end of the grass where the park is. It sounds like the proposal was written incorrectly and needs to be corrected. Jarrett also met with the police chief and asked her why and she said because there's no parking in front of parks, he said there was parking on BPR and we explained that's not the entrance to HIP. Jarrett said he brings this up because this park is different from other parks in the Village. He said eliminating those spots will eliminate spots for the businesses there. The bottom line is we are trying to make the rules and the guidelines of all the parks consistent so removing parking spots from directly in front of the park entrance is the goal here for safety reasons to open up the visibility to the park so people can see what's going on there. In front of entrances to all the parks there is no parking and that's what we're trying to accomplish. Tim said there is also a quality-of-life issue with all the trucks parked in front of Pape's Park every day. Carlo said by removing those spots people are still going to park illegally for 5 minutes so businesses should not be affected. Tina said the other thing is by removing those spots it could create a loading zone for trucks making deliveries to be able to pull over instead of blocking the road which is one of the safety concerns, or a quick spot to allow someone to run into the deli. If we went with our original proposal Jarrett said he would agree. Jeff said they're looking at plans for the future of parks in Mamaroneck and Pape's Park is part of that future. The traffic commission will have to correct their proposal.

## Warren Ave Tennis Court/Pickleball Update:

Jeff said they have on their capital plan to install pickleball courts at Stanley Ave Park. As of now, they have painted pickleball lines on the tennis court at Warren Ave Park and they will set time limits for pickleball vs tennis. This will be in addition to the pickleball court they want to build at Stanley Ave Park.

#### **Comprehensive Plan:**

The Board has been working on adopting a comp plan, the latest draft is from 2020. The Village's planning consultant wants us to look at the plan and make changes/suggestions. Jason and Jeff are working on making updates and then as a group we need to come together and make our recommendations to the planner.

2022 Day Camp Update: postponed until next meeting.

## **Recreation Update:**

Jason sent an email with updates about a lot of family fun activities coming in the months of September and October; Family Campout, Car Show, Monarch Butterfly Festival, Gangstagrass concert in the park, Scarecrow Build, Halloween Spooktacular, and Turkey Trot.

## Parks Update:

Jeff said woodchips went down at Jefferson Ave Park and HIP, they were attacked by graffiti at Florence Park, they cleaned it up and the next week it was back and worse. Cameras were approved but we don't know where they are going to be installed. They are finally receiving the replacement ten spin at Warren Ave Park that they lost in Ida. Jefferson Ave Park update is on track for early spring. Nora said because it's a replacement in kind it's a type two action that doesn't need an environmental review. Estimated timeframe is 6-8 weeks.

## **County Pier Update:**

They had a meeting with the County, the State declared that the County needed to do an environmental mitigation project, the County needed to buy a house near the marsh and turning it back into marsh, that fell through so even the county pulled the permits, the permits have been closed and they need to start the process over.

Carlo just wanted to add that revenue that's generated in the parks goes to the general fund so how do you generate revenue in order to replace or renovate parks? Nora said that's a policy decision that a BOT would adopt and any BOT could change it. Nora said if revenue doesn't go into the general fund and it goes into a specific fund then it can never go out of that fund. Jason said the logic he's been working toward that the TOM uses is they have a budget and whatever they make over that budget goes into a trust for Parks and Rec. Jason said we don't bring in enough revenue to pay for ourselves, we're getting closer but we're not there yet. Nora said the argument is money that comes in from cell towers or field use etc. is actually going back to the parks because the Village is subsidizing the parks. What Jason is recommending would have to be approved by the Board as it does limit how the general funds can be spent so it should be discussed with the budget committee, and the Board still has to adopt the capital budget. We all agree there should be a schedule/plan for our parks.

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

Next meeting is October 5<sup>th</sup>.

## Parks and Recreation Commission Special Meeting - September 20, 2022, 7:00 PM

## VILLAGE HALL AT THE REGATTA 123 MAMARONECK AVENUE, MAMARONECK, NY 10543

Attendees: Tina Maresca, Brittany Ross, Tim O'Connor, Carlo Reca, Karrie Sergio, Kristen Vetter, Cindy

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Absent: Heather Castellani Milboer, Manny Rawlings

Present: Jason Pinto, Jeff Ahne, Nora Lucas

## Opening:

Tina asked for a motion to open the meeting

## **Dog Park Discussion:**

The Dog Park Ad Hoc Subcommittee met on 9/14 at HIP to revisit the site on the BPR next to the Waste Water Treatment Plant and the grassy area on Rushmore Ave on the West Basin side. They went over all the pros and cons of each again and ultimately the majority agreed that the Rushmore location is the better location for a dog park but the hesitancy is that they are unsure if it would be approved there due to resident opposition, parking concerns, and the protected marsh, however, they felt it is worth giving it a chance as the space is open, underutilized, and people already bring their dogs there now.

The PRC discussed it at length and went over all the locations that were ever looked at; Stanley Ave Park, Ward Ave Park, Taylor's Lane, Greenhaven Rd, HIP flagpole/county pier, HIP Rushmore Ave West Basin, and HIP BPR by the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Resident opposition is a big hurdle wherever the dog park is proposed.

The concerns that came up about the Waste Water Treatment Plant location is by adding a dog park to that site it brings further congestion to an extraordinarily busy part of HIP that is highly used by residents primarily engaging in soccer and baseball. Noises from referee whistles, screaming kids, the crack of a baseball bat, and flying soccer/baseballs that could accidentally end up in the dog park, could be dangerous for the dogs and dog owners if the dog park is in this location. There are hundreds of kids at this location daily between soccer and baseball and there may be children who are fearful of dogs being in such close proximity. The loud noises from the traffic on BPR are not conducive to the kind of atmosphere that a dog park should have and could also be a danger to dogs if there was a runaway dog incident. This location also takes away any possible expansion of much needed space for playing fields in that area. There is some field work to be done over the next several years which will cause soccer to lose some playing fields, so they may desperately need that space as well. Any special events that take place in the Harbor such as concerts, festivals, carnivals, fireworks, etc. will not comingle well with a dog park in that area either.

The PRC strongly feels the Rushmore Avenue site around the West Basin is the better location for many reasons. This area allows the dog park to be larger than the minimum 1 acre that is needed for a dog park. It is quieter as there is no soccer or baseball in this location and there are no other events that take

place in this area of the park. While there is a playground, there are far fewer children playing in this location and we would be able to keep a safe distance from the playground. Port Chester dog park is also next to a playground. Residents are already bringing their dogs to this location now, many of whom walk there, and while there is no parking directly next to the site there is parking at the Harbor which would be just a short walk around the sea wall, or there is parking on Boston Post Road, or on public side streets that do not have parking restrictions. If required, we could look into carving out just a couple of handicap parking spots where the access curb is already in place with a simple gravel parking pad. We would keep in mind sight lines and not put the dog park too close to the protected marsh or the neighboring resident's property.

Dogs would have to be licensed and a permit required to use the dog park. If the dog park has to be open to the public we can charge a different price for non-residents.

Nora said with the current site, the HCZMC is still waiting on an engineering plan that the Village hasn't provided, we need clarification on what the HCZMC is looking for and who is responsible for doing it. One concern the HCZMC has is dog poop near the water and this new location will be a heavier environmental lift so changing the location looks like it would delay the dog park. Fencing is delayed anyway but we can't order fencing until the site is found consistent by the HCZMC with the LWRP and the BOT authorizes it. In response to the issue of dog poop close to the water the argument was made that there are dogs pooping there now and there is no enforcement so the dog park would actually help mitigate that by fencing the area and providing poop bags for collection. The HCZMC wants to see a schematic, the BPR is a protected viewscape so they need to know the fence isn't going to block the view there, she doesn't think the viewscape comes from Rushmore so that's less of an issue, but with either site there needs to be a plan. The question was raised by a resident about alienation of the area. Parkland alienation occurs when a municipality wishes to sell, lease or discontinue the use of municipal parkland, that is not the case here as the dog park would be a recreational space.

Tina wanted to know if the committee thinks the old location is still a viable location if Rushmore doesn't go through. While the committee no longer feels the location on BPR is the best spot they don't want to take it off the table just yet. Greenhaven Rd could still be an option but it would need parking and would be more expensive.

A revised recommendation will have to go the BOT and then back to the HCZMC to ensure this would not have a negative environmental impact. The PRC voted and unanimously agreed to change our recommendation to the Rushmore Ave location. Tina will send an email to the BOT on behalf of the PRC.

Meeting adjourned.