



Village of Mamaroneck Parks & Recreation

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Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 17, 2019

Attendees: Kristen Vetter Randi Robinowitz Veronica Colman Manny Enes
Dan Margoshes Tina Maresca Kathleen Gallaher

Absent Emily Marshall

Present: Barry Casterella – General Foreman of Parks
Jason Pinto – Recreation Assistant
Trustee Nora Lucas - Liaison

Meeting called to order by Barry Casterella at 7:32 P.M.

Parks & Recreation Commission meeting date and site change – A discussion was had regarding the change of date and venue for the Parks & Recreation Commission meetings. It was suggested that the location be changed to the Village courtroom (due to more available parking) and to be held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Everyone was in favor of the change. The next meeting will therefore be scheduled and held on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in the Village courtroom.

Recreation Department staff Resignations – Sandy Korkatzis has submitted her resignation with the Village of Mamaroneck. Barry Casterella will be overseeing the department with Jason Pinto to be running the day-to-day operations for the time being. Elizabeth Linsalato has additionally resigned from the Village of Mamaroneck to pursue another opportunity in the field of Recreation in another municipality.

Recreation Update – Budget season is around the corner, Kristen has offered to assist Jason working on the camp budget. Fees for camp, beach and parking need to be addressed immediately. Jason will provide a report regarding Happy Harbor Play program in a future meeting to discuss the viability of the program. It was suggested to survey the entire village to learn what they would like to see in a program of this type.

VMDC Update – Camp budget needs to be discussed. The VMDC is a better camp than most in the vicinity. The beach creates a unique environment for kids to learn and play. Kayaking, all inclusive trips make it a rewarding experience for children. The registration fees need to be addressed for the 2019 season. There have not been any changes to the fee structure in years. A 5% increase in camp fees was suggested and should be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval.



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Food Trucks – There is a need in Harbor Island Park for a permanent concession space. Considerations are to purchase a trailer, outfit it with equipment, contract it out to food vendors. Something similar to Saxon Woods, basic beach food, nothing boutique. Suggestions are for a capital project to fund such a concept for the 2020 budget season. Barry will investigate trailer costs.

Spring Car Show – A request by the Kiwanis group to hold a Spring car show in Harbor Island Park was discussed since the Fall event was rained out. A vote was taken and all were in favor.

Fees for Not-For-Profit Groups – There is currently no set price or fee structure in place. This needs to be addressed.

Spray Ground Update – The issue of spray ground disrepair was brought to the attention of acting Village Manager Dan Sarnoff. It was his suggestion to go online for a state contract contractor to have it repaired.

Parks & General Foreman Update – Barry and Jason met with Joe Ceglia of Rye Neck who requested the use of the soccer fields from August to early September. Barry mentioned that this group will need to fund the seeding and painting of the fields. Barry suggested that Dan and Tina be brought into the discussions with Joe so there is a proper understanding going forward.

Little League Field and MLB Grant Discussion – Barry received a call from Major League Baseball who is willing to provide a grant to furnish one baseball field. The current Lanza Field has a huge problem with clay runoff during rain storms. Barry is working out the various costs involved – new backstop, dugouts for baseball fields, etc. The light system on Lanza Field has been considered for an LED conversion. Barry is having a contractor coming in to provide the costs for doing this conversion.

The meeting was called to a close at 8:57 p.m. by Randi Robinowitz.

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Minutes were taken by Charles Vigliotti.