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**Minutes of Park and Recreation Commission Meeting
Wednesday, March 26, 2014**

Present: Jennifer Cohen
Dean Delitta
Maryann Genovese
Brett Moeller
Kerry Stein
Theresa Sullivan

Absent:

Excused: Bekir Helvacioğlu
Carlo Recca
Joan Spedafino - co chair

Also present: Sandy Korkatzis, Recreation Superintendent
Lou Santoro, Trustee Liaison
Barry Casterella, Parks General Foreman

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 P.M. by Superintendent Sandy Korkatzis.
Commission approved the Minutes of Wednesday, February 26, 2014 and motion was made by
Commissioner Dean Delitta and seconded Commissioner Theresa Sullivan.

Superintendent's Update

Superintendent of Recreation, Sandy Korkatzis reviewed all of her monthly updates; reviewed
correspondence and provided time for questions and answers:

1. Day Camp registration has started and early registration offers a discounted price for residents until May 2, 2014.
2. We are working closely with Parks General Foreman, Barry Casterella in making final selection for parking booth. Looking into an automated system for next summer to cut down on the amount of cash in the parking booth. This system would have to be removable because of the flood zone.
3. We are looking into signage for Harbor Island Park Pavilion – Recreation Department similar to the Harbor Island Park sign at the entrance of the harbor.
4. Planting along the Harbor Island Pavilion will take place in April.

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5. We are in the process of re-assessing our recreation classes according to the different age divisions to see how we can expand on programming to include components such as: pre-school recreation, parent and tot classes, pre-teen and teen programs.
6. We are planning specialty camps that will start after the end of VOM Day Camp on August 8, 2014. Specialty camps would take place three mornings a week Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays with early morning drop off option. Camps would include: Superhero and Princess Camp, Dance Camp and Music Camp.
7. We are planning one day camps to include: Karaoke Pajama Party, Mad Science Day, Bubble show, Lego workshop and magic show.
8. New York State Recreation and Park Society has awarded the Village of Mamaroneck Recreation Department with Multimedia Award Class 1 for Summer 2013 Day Camp DVD at their annual conference March 23-25, 2014.
9. Two sessions were taught on behalf of the Village of Mamaroneck Recreation Department at the New York State Recreation and Park Society State conference: An American idol program for your community and one on Good Flyer Design.
10. Softball league starts April 28th and 29 teams are registered. One more team is looking to secure sponsorship at \$1350. Trustee Santoro is assisting with gaining one more business sponsorship and many of the commissioners made great suggestions.
11. Volleyball registration is underway for the teams to play on the Beach.
12. We are looking to change the way parents drop off Summer Campers this year to avoid the chaos in the parking lot and traffic backing up onto Boston Post Road and we are looking for suggestions. It was suggested that parents come down alongside the west basin for drop off. They won't interfere with entrance to beach and tennis. It naturally flows. It is safe since the parks trucks and tractors are out extremely early.
13. Looking to recruit help for clean up day scheduled for Saturday, April 26th to put together a community garden at one of the parks. It was suggested that will reach out to high School students and eagle scouts looking to earn community service.
14. Working on clean up recreation website and face book pages. Looking to build a better online presence with online photos.
15. The recreation department will take part in the Mayors Family Day / Safety Fair with a booth to offer recreation activities, face painting and balloons for the children.
16. The Marine Education Center at Harbor Island will host their Volunteer Staff Recruitment Meeting on Saturday, March 29, 2014.
17. The MEMS EMS will host an egg hunt on Saturday, April 12 at Columbus Park.
18. Village of Mamaroneck Annual Clean up Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 26, 2014.

Trustee Santoro update:

1. Reported that 19 Cameras went out to bid for Harbor Island Park.
2. Food concessions will be going out to bid next week.. The contract will be renewed yearly.

Parks Foreman Update

1. Taking out wood benches and putting in green metal benches. They are going to take the wood out and replace them with the green metal benches with a new slab.
From Rushmore the police shack around to Rushmore to the park are new benches the green and metal ones. Going to do now all the way down east basin from the bathrooms down to this way. Lastly along the waterline because the piers are going to be done starting 2015 the county is going to come in to do the pier.
2. Volleyball will not be doing the four courts by the parks dept building. With the work the County will be doing on the pier it was recommended that we do not put those nets / courts up right now. Probably not until 2017 because the work on the pier will take about 2 years to complete. It cannot be put up on a temporary basis because they are not sure how much equipment will be coming in for the project. They will have also a lot of staging grounds and they are not sure how much room it will take. The area will be secured and all safety precautions will be taken to ensure residents with equipment and materials.
3. Florence Park was vandalized and they spray painted five trees, benches, the electrical house and two garbage cans. The Foreman and the commission strongly want cameras in that park. The Foreman and Commission asked Trustee Santoro to bring this to the attention of the Board of Trustees because a Park Ranger that will start in two months doesn't really solve the problem. Park Ranger leaves at 11 pm and the vandalism happens after they leave. There are multiple entrances, they need cameras.
4. Fencing went out to bid. Six foot fence going around the beach. This project started a year and a half ago. It only goes down as far as the beach. Whatever is taken out will go along the road way instead of the wood fencing. There was an issue that many were climbing over the fence when the beach was and they want to prevent any drowning. The fence going along the road will help keep the kids safe whether they kick the ball into the road.
5. Eagle scouts are going to put a kiosk up right by the Marine Center. This will be able to hold flyers and bulletins inside a locked glass.

Recreation Commissioner suggested:

- New workshops and programs to include topics on: stock market, investing and managing your future, taking care of your finances, financial planning for our youth, babysitters training course, basic networking skills and job interviewing.
- The inclusion of Village trucks all cleaned up as a fun event for kids. It was suggested to include these trucks at possibly one of the upcoming events.
- The softball umpires need to wear uniform shirts to look more professional. All agreed upon ordering light blue t-shirts for the umpires.

Next meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, April 30, 2014 at 7 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M. Motion by Commissioner Kerry and Bret Moeller

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Korkatzis
Superintendent of Recreation