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Recreation Commission Meeting

Wednesday January 28, 2015

Minutes

Meeting called to order by Recreation Commission member Brett Moller at 7:10pm.

Attendees:	Carlo Recca	Joan Spedafino
	Kerry Stein	Dean DeLitta
	Stephanie Figliomeni	Brett Moller
	Theresa Sullivan	Steve Scarangella

Absent: Maryanne Genovese - Excused

Present: Sandy Korkatzis, Recreation Superintendent
Trustee Santoro, Liaison
Barry Casterella, Parks General Foreman
Kaitlyn Losco, Recreation Leader
Senator Latmier

Introduction of our new Recreation Leader, Kaitlyn Losco.

Kickball League program for adults introduced. More information will follow at the next meeting. It will take place on Tuesday evenings on Gronberg and Cunningham field. Program will be run in partnership with All Sports Leagues.

New Girls Volleyball League will take place for ages 16+, 6-8 weeks, late May into early June. Boys 16+ may join the adult league running from May 20 through August 13. A fun, positive, profitable program, teens can progress in their volleyball careers, college scholarship possibilities through the program.

Coed Volleyball League will continue in Harbor Island Park. They plan on offering more grass tournaments; probably every 2 to 3 weeks. After the county finishes construction on their pier (expected completion: summer 2015), permanent volleyball nets are to be installed.

Spring/Summer Softball League

Captains' Meeting & Umpires and Field Supervisors' meeting will be held on February 17.

Rosters and rules will be available. Rules remain the same. A **"Zero Tolerance"** policy will be enforced toward the misconduct of players. Issues of profanity used by league members around the Harbor Island Park playgrounds was brought up and will be brought up at the Captains meeting. Parents feel it is inconsiderate, offensive, and creates an unpleasant atmosphere for their children. The implementation of the Zero Tolerance policy will help with this issue. Field Supervisors and Umpires will be made aware

of necessary precautions. There is request of reinstating the B Division League. Recreation Commission would like us to look into using Certified Umpires for next season. Superintendent wants to allow in the near future non-resident teams if not enough resident teams are available. This would likely fill the league to capacity, as well as generate additional revenue.

New Rochelle Humane Society & Larchmont Pet Rescue

NRHS & LPR would like to host their 7th Seventh Annual Hounds on the Sound event on September 27, 2015 at Harbor Island Park. Event specifics: 600+ participants (great exposure), 35 vendors, puppies and kittens available for adoption on site (great publicity), music, canine agility events (great attraction and fun), and all dogs are on leashes and waste bags are provided for dog-owners (sanitary). These organizations have previously helped us with the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony event, as well as the summertime Block Parties. Parking should not be a conflict. We've hosted the Suicide prevention walk and it proceeded smoothly. No objections from the Recreation Commission about this permit being approved.

Bocce and Shuffleboard

Harbor Island Bocce and Shuffleboard court construction (in the free area next to our Bait Shop) proposed for general use by the public, renting for programming, as well as for the introduction of a new Bocce League and Shuffleboard league.

A Commissioner stated there are bocce and shuffleboard courts on Grande Street, at the VFW, and in Harrison already. Superintendent states that the addition to Harbor Island Park would enhance versatility. She also addressed a concern about the possibility of over-programming the harbor facility mentioning that more information will come prior to any decision to be made.

There was strong interest in constructing basketball courts to attract more youth to the park. Parks Forman agreed and stated that the space behind the Parks Department building, from the tree to the roadway, may be a good candidate for such a project.

Topic raised that the Tree Committee having planted 200+ trees in fall of last year, as well as 89 trees thereafter. Only Cherry Blossom trees will be allowed in the future. Trustee Santoro mentioned a \$50,000 grant in the works for planting more trees.

Village of Mamaroneck Summer Day Camp

VMDC now has a brand **new website** www.vomsummercamps.com

The site provides pricing, important deadlines, information on and links to our affiliate sport camps, as well as photos for parents. Other additions to camp this summer include earlier "**early drop-off**" (8 am instead of our previous 8:30am) where children get extra playground playtime, two extended "**extended day**" options (3pm-4pm and 3pm-5pm) where children will participate in further programming activities. A **full day Pre-K** age group joining our Kindergarten group, a seventh week option with further programming at the Harbor, as well as a weekly **Marine Biology education** segment hosted by our Marine Education Center. The Marine Education Center is open on Saturday mornings and hardly frequented. Hosting this program will further acquaint our community with this resource and increase children's interests in its utilization. We must also fabricate more prominent signage.

Online registration

Online registration is in the works for the Recreation Department. Extensive research has been conducted on multiple recreation management and online registration subscription software platforms. After careful consideration the primary candidate is a network called **RecDesk**. It offers multiple management features, a fully hosted and customizable website, and the ease of online program

registration with fully integrated payment options. In-person registration are still available with this system as it is cloud-based. Annual subscription fees are the most cost effective in relation to features available and our eminent growth, development, and expansion.

Burbio.com is a newer, but established free online calendar consolidation tool used by many school, sports teams, organizations, local governments and other such establishments. Once signed up, this site allows users to search for the calendars and events of multiple venues and organizations and consolidate them onto one conveniently viewable calendar. Posting our calendars and events to this site is under solid consideration.

SPORTS CAMPS 2015

Harbor Island Park will be hosting spring, summer, and fall sports camp through our affiliates USSI.

Spring: Parent and Me Total Sports on Mondays or Fridays (ages 2-3)
Total Sports Squirts on Mondays or Fridays (ages 3-5)
T-Ball Squirts on Mondays (ages 3-5).

Summer: First Play Lacrosse Monday – Thursday (ages 6-9 or 10-14)
Total Play Multi Sports Mon.-Thurs. (ages 5-8 or 9-11)
Three Time Options: 9 am – 4 pm, 9 am - 12:30 pm, or 1 - 4pm
Total Sports Squirts Monday – Thursday (ages 3-5)

Fall: Parents and Me Total Sports Mondays or Friday (ages 2-3)
Total Sports Squirts Mondays or Fridays (ages 3-5)
T-Ball Squirts on Mondays (ages 3-5)

VOM Basketball Night

Village of Mamaroneck Basketball night is set for March 6th, 2015.

To see the Westchester Knicks verse the Red Claws. Tickets start at \$14. There will be a “High-five” tunnel for the children and an autograph session.

December Agenda Topics Reviewed- There was no meeting in December.

Turkey Trot

Turkey Trot 2014 went over smoothly. Theresa Sullivan, NYC Runs, Sandy Korkatzis, Karen Ramos and the Village staff worked hard and were successful. Soup for the runners was donated by Care Connect. The course and children’s 5K run was certified. A thought for next Turkey Trot: stagger or open the finish line.

Tree Lighting Social

The Christmas Tree Lighting social was great. The Santa Room was a hit as well as the digital play in the Lobby and the band. The tree was light to a countdown and everyone had a great time.

Pavilion Rentals: Wedding Ceremonies

This year, Harbor Island Park’s pavilion and waterfront will be available for rental, for wedding Ceremonies. We will be hosting our first matrimonial ceremony, beachfront, in March.

Party Room Rentals

Under development by the Recreation Department are party room rentals, utilizing the Main Lobby, Red Room, and Blue Room of our Beach Pavilion at Harbor Island Park.

Party Packages

Party Packages will also be available. They will include complete party planning, invitations, catering, entertainment, and more. Bridal showers, baby showers, birthday parties and other such events are available.

Outdoor Showers

Outdoor showers were taken out because the water just pooled under them and it was always a mess. We are going to install two new units with four shower heads on them and foot showers. One by the entrance / exit of the beach and one on the other side where camp will utilize them.

Rock Climbing Wall

We are looking to convert a wall in the Blue Room into a Rock Climbing wall. The wall would also be featured as an add-on for party packages, camp and rainy day play.

Outdoor Movie Series

The idea of an Outdoor Movie series is currently under development. Last year's Movie Night was sponsored by the Elks. The recreation department is looking to host an Outdoor Movie series at Harbor Island Park for Summer / Fall 2015.

We will be sure it's on a night that will not conflict with another movie night locally. For Example the Town of Mamaroneck runs a movie night.

Pedal Boats

Pedal Boats would attract more people to Harbor Island Park, increasing site use and exposure. Anyone interested in sponsoring a boat or Kayak will have a name written on the back of the pedal boat; which would give recognition and free advertising space.

-An idea: Sail boats, and lessons. It is a dying skill that we may be able to reignite.-

Kayaks

Kayak rentals would ideally be administered via daily rental fees or through a seasonal pass, or add-on when purchasing beach passes. A crane would be needed to move the container off the beach. Kayak racks will go up along the fencing of the beach.

Kayakers and boaters will have to stay out of the channel. Playland in Rye, Lake Taconic, Tarrytown, and Bear Mountain are a few venues who host such activities.

ADA Additions

A suggestion for the future need of "**Mobi-Chairs**" - ADA (American Disabilities Act) approved waterfront equipment that allows for persons with disabilities to enjoy the beachfront as well. May be able to apply for Grant funding. Jones Beach has one on site.

School Fees for Field Usage

In previous years, and up until the present the schools charge the Recreation Department, and the Village for use of school fields and facilities. The recreation commission strongly feels we should be charged a Field Maintenance fee and usage fees.

Commissioner suggested that when we use their auditorium for camp show consider interchanging schools use between Mamaroneck High School and Ryeneck High School; many of the children attending

our camp either reside in Ryeneck or attend school there. Emelin Theatre was also a suggested site, but only holds about 250 patrons, thus it may be too small.-

Larchmont charges schools for their utilization of Recreational fields and facilities. The Town of Mamaroneck charges for field use as well; it is charged as a field maintenance fee (roughly \$21,000 for seeding grass), the cost is split between the town, the schools, and their soccer programs. It is proposed that we now charge a field maintenance fee that can be absorbed by the leagues, programs, and field users. This coming fall season the Recreation Department should charge a Field Maintenance fee. It should be a flat fee per participant, or flat fee charged to an organization where they decide how they will absorb or charge the fee. A letter will be drafted by the superintendent to present to the Board of Trustees for the implementation of the field maintenance/field usage fee.

Trustee Santoro will contact Senator Latimer about Beach issues.

Softball/Soccer Field Sprinkler System

A sprinkler system is under consideration for Lanza, Cunningham and Gronberg fields, and may be within budget. Recreation Commission suggests an alternative form of watering the fields: a Water Reel. This alternative method is a simplistic device that goes above the field and releases water with a spinning motion. Many were concerned that many injuries will come about because of the sprinkler heads protruding from the ground. (NFL player from Mamaroneck had his career ruined because of such an injury.) Further information regarding this watering system will be forwarded to the Superintendent.

Meeting called to a close by Recreation Commission member and Co-chair Joan Spedafino at 8:32pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday February 25, 2015

Minutes prepared by Kaitlyn Losco, Recreation Leader.