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## Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday June 24, 2015

Meeting called to order by Recreation Commissioner, Steve Scarangella at 7:15pm.

Attendees: Steve Scarangella Stephanie Figiomeni  
Kerry Stein Theresa Sullivan  
Dean DeLitta Brett Muller

Absent: Maryann Genovese  
Brett Moller  
Carlo Reca  
Joan Spedafino

Present: Sandy Korkatzis, Recreation Superintendent  
Barry Casterella, Parks General Foreman  
Kaitlyn Losco, Recreation Leader  
Louis Santoro, Deputy Mayor - Trustee Liaison

### June Agenda Summary

April Minutes approved.

### Recreation Superintendent Update

**Outdoor Summer Permit Requests** will be processed the first and fourth Tuesday of each month. The Rec Commission will be notified of any big events occurring, but will only be brought in for decision-making assistance when the event exceeds usual permit parameters interrupts regularly scheduled programming.

Ernesto Bruno is planning a beach party for 8:00 pm on Saturday, July 25. This is a private networking club. Due to late night programming water activities will not be allowed. The recreation Commission will not recommend alcohol. They will be charged for a beach manager to look over the party. Having a live band or music may be trouble with the noise carrying into the residential neighborhoods of Orienta. They will also be charged a clean-up fee.

**Camp Update: Marine Education Program** is now in full swing, with children grades Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup>, visiting 3 times per week. **Earlier Drop-off and later pick-up** are now a part of this year's camp registration options. **New full-day pre-k program** has been added to camp and is full.

We have rebranded the VMDC, with a new crab logo and a change in T-shirt color. Also note: tubing has been extracted from our waterfront camp activities, and has been replaced with peddle boats.

**SOWE Music Festival** is replacing the former SOWE wine and beer festival, with a bigger emphasis on music. Tickets will be on sale for \$48.00 per adults, and children are free. There will be food trucks, and a stage for musical performances. The areas of the event will be fenced in with snow fencing, and include Pavilion Field, the playground, and the back field. Soccer will not be canceled however on the date of the Music Festival Saturday, September 19 Harbor Island Parking will be paid. We will notify field users that soccer will not be canceled on Cunningham and Gronberg however that day is paid parking after 11 am.

### **Softball, Volleyball, Kickball**

Softball season has been going smoothly. Volleyball has filled to capacity and remains one of our most popular programs. Kickball has been canceled due to low enrollment, but remains under consideration for a future season.

**Steve Augustine Softball Tournament** is set to take place.

**Kayak easy access dock** order has been placed with EZ Dock. The dock will attach to the end of the fishing dock. 7-9<sup>th</sup> grade campers will paint the kayak racks this summer for our kayaking program.

**Designated Smoking Areas** in Harbor Island Park are being reduced from 11 areas to 5 areas. These areas include an area by Goetze field, the playground, and the Senior Center.

**Renting the 4 camp tent areas for birthday parties** will now be a possibility this summer. This year, the camp has gotten 4 smaller tents instead of the usual large one. Each tent can fit approximately 40 people comfortably with room for a catering table. Parking will not be waived for the party rentals, but the option to prepay for guest parking is available.

**Marine Education Center Volunteers Background screenings** will now be in effect. The Recreation Commission agrees that, although volunteers, the Marine Education Center volunteer staff should be checked.

**A Letter to field users for 2016 field usage & parking permit** will go out for this fall. The recommended price that the Recreation Commission has come up with is \$35 for field users non residents and residents alike. This price will be further discussed after the situation is fully assessed.

**Harbor Island Bike rack locations & custom designs:** Harbor Island Park will be adding new artful bike racks in different areas to provide parking for biker riders and to promote greener travel. These new designs will include nautical themed animals and objects, such as fish, crabs, baseballs, and more; which may be viewed by visiting <https://www.dero.com/>.

### **Upcoming Events**

School's Out Beach Party will run from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, and will consist of a DJ and small competitions. The Summer on the Avenue Block Parties are approaching. The Recreation Department uses big bouncy houses for this event and will consider local sponsors as an alternative means of funding the rentals.

**Trustee Santoro Update**

Warren Park has been approved for the \$185,000 improvement budget. This will include the new rubberized matting, and brand new playground equipment. Florence Park had black rubberized matting last year, but is now corrected to the original green that was ordered. The Village's goal is to update one park each year to be sure that The Americans with Disabilities Act is being observed, and our parks are accessible to all. School update: The schools charge a field maintenance fee to field users. If someone does not agree to pay the field maintenance fee, then they are not granted the permit. This is a course of action the Recreation Department should follow, with field maintenance running \$33,000 each year.

**Parks Foreman Update**

Price quotes were obtained from Playground equipment companies. The Recreation Commission voted yes to move forward with a cost effective and quality choice with the company Miracle. The rubberized matting is a better choice than the current park flooring because of the frequent flooding of the area. The tennis court at Warren Avenue Park, basketball court and fence are being worked on by the Village Manager, Richard Slingerland.

Meeting called to a close by Recreation Superintendent, Sandy Korkatzis at 8:46pm.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, September 23.