

Bocce & Shuffleboard programming are under consideration by the Recreation Department. Research and planning is taking place to ensure the best quotes for court production, and public interest.

Spring & Summer Softball Leagues are still accepting registrations. The Monday and Thursday night C Division Men's Leagues are full, and will run according to schedule. The women's league has only 2 registrations, 4 teams under the required 6 to run the league. In previous years, rules have been changed as a means of possibly gaining more interest, but the decline is steady. Last season the Women's league was run with 5 teams, but we are currently 3 teams away from that. The B Division has suffered a drastic decrease in registration, with there being zero registrants thus far. The Recreation Department is reaching out to former B Division teams to see if there is interest in returning. The Recreation Department will try marketing the league a little more prior to season start, and look into possibilities for future seasons.

A roster with only 2 addresses listed for 13 players was exhibited; this roster also displayed waiver signatures in the same handwriting for all players. This is a problem for integrity and safety reasons. We are enforcing our residency as best as we move forward. The commissioners suggest and that the Softball league remains a Rec League, lower the residency requirement from 80% to 60%, and allow non-resident teams to register after resident teams have been given ample time to register (two separate registration deadlines).

Pest Control: The mosquitoes, and other harbor insects, continue to be an issue for many of the Harbor's patrons. The Recreation and Parks departments are looking into contracting it out.

New Beach Events are being planned to run at least once per week from May through September. They will attract more visitors to the park, and increase beach attendance. Summer camp will also be able to attend the beach events throughout the summer, giving them a wider variety of programming. Budgeting and bookings are in progress, and flyers should be ready soon.

Outdoor Movie Series & Food Truck Night are works in progress. Movie night will start with a suggested Teen movie night, Children's movie night, and possibly an adult movie night. Food Truck Night would consist of a variety of culturally diverse foods, and give an exciting new reason to visit the Harbor.

March Agenda Summary

Recreation Update:

Kayak Tours are a new feature being added to Harbor Island Park. A goal of 50 tours will tentatively be schedule. Tours will attract beginners and experienced kayakers. Tours will range from an hour, hour and a half, and two hours. Tours will be led and accompanied by a Kayak Instructor, a lifeguard.

Kayak Lessons will continue to be offered this summer in conjunction with the Towne of Mamaroneck. Kayak racks will be placed outside of the gate by the beach. There will be room for 6-10 kayaks, once racks are built.

Pedal Boats will be available for rental, and are being added to our campers' activity schedule. Five pedal boats will be available for daily use during camp hours.

Note: If the Village can find more money within the budget, a new F Dock/Kayak Dock would make a great addition to the harbor because it is unaffected by low tides. The ramp is under \$3,000.

The addition of the Ez-Dock and rails would make kayaking more accessible to those who may have physical limitations. The rails enable someone who would otherwise have trouble using a rope to pull themselves in, an easier manner of movement.

Camp Tent: The Village's summer camp is an Outdoor camp. This means that children spend the majority of their day participating in activities outside. Wind is a huge factor to contemplate when considering tent purchases. A sail-style shade system, for roughly \$2-3,000.00, is under consideration, pending further information on wind resilience and ventilation. If the Recreation Department gains more wedding and large ceremony bookings, than renting is an option. This is still under deliberation.

Departmental Branding has been underway. The Recreation and Parks Departments will soon sport the new Cherry Blossom Tree, Sail Boat logo on their letterheads, faxes, invoices, permits, program applications, business cards, outdoor signage, and more. Rec Commission approves new logo. New Building Banners of about 33" promoting activities and programming offered by the Recreation Department are to be hung outside of the Stephen E. Johnston Beach Pavilion.

Beach Volleyball Lighting is minimal and needs additional light. The program has doubled in attendance and remains one of the most popular programs at the Harbor. Lighting specifications are ready; the department must go out to bid.

Parking Permit Decals are going to be color coded. Red will be for the Fire Department. Blue will be used for everyone else. Sportime and Rec Staff will use dashboard placards.

Parking Permits will be available at the parking booth; they may pull over and fill the form out (proof of residency is not required for non-residents, so the process may be completed without having to stop into the Recreation Office). Residents must provide proof of residency in order to receive the resident price rate.

Beach: This summer our beach is going all electronic. Daily attendance and revenue reporting will be digitally monitored with new key fob entry scanners. Beach passes can be purchased at the Recreation Department.

Season Permits are being overhauled. Each operation will function individually.

An increase in budget has been approved, allowing for additional program introduction. New performing arts programming is on the way: "Sound Shore Voice" and "Mamaroneck's Got Talent" will start within the coming months. A boat will be repaired and used as a planter in front of the Pavilion.

Trustee Santoro Update

Parks Foreman Update

The backstop on Lanza field will be replaced soon; tentative date before softball/sports season start.

The Parks department will fix Warren Avenue Park's Basketball and Tennis courts, Stanley Avenue Park's Basketball courts (increase to regulation size), as well as Florence Park's Basketball court.

General public consensus about Florence Park improvements are positive.

The playground will be expanded (addition to current playground), but remain with wood-chip surfacing.

Note: Rubber mat vs. Wood chips: Rec Commission in favor of rubber matting.

Columbus Park will receive a new backboard.

Goal: Convert one Park surface to rubber matting per year.

Fields are closed until further notice. Due to the high volume of snow fall and water accumulation, they are not ready for use. 6 Signs are made and will be placed in high traffic areas around the park.

Update: The county pier is under construction and is set to be completed in 2 years.

Playgrounds/Equipment inspections: \$7,000.00 to be put aside for all Village parks inspections.

Rec Commissioner mentioned benches having missing slats, and splintered wood that must be fixed.

Gap in gunderboom; huge tear because of ice accumulation during the winter. Will patch for now, but will be costly to replace. Second swim area (one for camp and one for beach):

A letter was sent to the Board of Trustees asking for the construction of a skate park in Columbus Park. Meeting called to a close by Recreation Commission member and Co-chair Joan Spedafino at 8:27pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday April 22, 2015.