



Village of Mamaroneck Parks & Recreation



Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 21, 2017

Meeting called to order by Kerry Stein at 7:37 P.M.

Attendees:	Steve Scarangella	Dan Margoshes	Kathleen Gallaher
	Tina Maresca	Kerry Stein	Randi Robinowitz
	Louis Santoro		

Absent	Joan Spedafino	Veronica Colman
	Manny Enes	

Present: Trustee Nora Lucas, Liaison
Barry Casterella - General Foreman of Parks
Jason Pinto - Recreation Assistant
Charles Vigliotti, Office Assistant

Meeting was opened by Kerry Stein at 7:37 p.m.

Previous month meeting minutes were not voted on or approved at this meeting.

Turkey Trot & Gobbler Race – The event overall was a great success. There are approximately 1,300 people who participated in the race this year. This number represents an increase of approximately 100 racers from the 2016 race. The breakout of runners were 54% from the Larchmont/Mamaroneck vicinity, 5% combined from White Plains, New Rochelle and Harrison. A small percentage from out-of-state also participated in the race. Overall, there were 75-80% runners from the Westchester County area broken out by 53% female and 47% male participants. In total, 411 children age 12 and under ran in the Gobbler race. There was a discussion as to eliminate the age 12 and under rule for running the Turkey Trot, however, Sandy Korkatzis stated previously that she did not want the young kids to run in the 5k race due to safety concerns. The timer who managed our race this year had mentioned that they had never heard of an age limit for any race they have managed previously. The safety concern regarding the Orienta community is still an issue for runners. This community needs to adjust their schedules for the race (for 10 minutes). Residents have been pulling out of their driveways and interfering with the race, including colliding with some runners with their vehicles. This is not the first mention of this to the Commission as it has been an ongoing issue. Changing the course to alleviate this problem will cause additional problems including race certification, and the

flatness of the course are among the things which will be affected by changing the course. All in all, it was a successful event and the event was profitable, bringing in approximately \$8,000 in profit to the Village.

Tree Lighting Social – Event was held on 12/3/17. This year's event was a very successful event bringing in 530 people to the pavilion. Approximately 297 pictures were taken with Santa & Mrs. Claus. The doors of the Pavilion closed at 5:30 p.m. and everyone who wanted a picture, was able to receive one.

Ball Fields – The Fall season generated \$22,437 in field user fees to the Village. Spring season is expected to be more profitable than the 2017 Fall season. In total, Spring, Summer & Fall seasons are expected to generate \$55,000 combined. It was suggested that the Parks department cover the fields in order to protect them, however, this is not feasible due to the fact that people are driving on the fields. It was suggested that the soccer fields be aggressively seeded and fertilized in the off-season. Additional suggestions are the backstop be replaced on Lanza field since it is over 100 years old.

Updates on other issues – There was a recent discussion to paint NO PARKING lines by the sewer treatment plant since it has caused traffic problems during soccer games and other events in that area. It has been suggested that the Recreation Commission draft up a letter to the Board of Trustees to address this issue. Additionally, there was a suggestion to change the exit lanes out of Harbor Island Park for the right lane to be for straight and right turns only and the left lane should be for left turns only.

A suggestion to invite Joe Russo to a future meeting to discuss waterfront issues was well received.

A discussion about summer camp should be brought to the agenda for the February meeting. Topics of consideration include: pricing breakout, age groups, resident v. non-resident pricing and the discount for enrolling multiple children into the camp.

Meeting called to a close by Kerry Stein at 8:20 P.M.

Next meeting: Thursday, January 18, 2018

Minutes taken by Charles Vigliotti