



Village of Mamaroneck Parks & Recreation



Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 16, 2017

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

Attendees: Steve Scarangella Dan Margoshes Veronica Colman
 Tina Maresca Kerry Stein Randi Robinowitz

Absent Joan Spedafino Kathleen Gallaher

Present: Trustee Leon Potok, Liaison
 Jason Pinto – Recreation Assistant
 Charles Vigliotti, Office Assistant

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

Turkey Trot & Gobbler Race – There are approximately 1,100 people registered for the race as of this date. There will be an opportunity to register on Friday, Saturday & Sunday. There is a plan to release the runners in waves of 100-200 to reduce congestion on the course. It was suggested that an email be sent out to address this topic. The Police do not wish to close Boston Post Road or to adjust the race start time. There are ongoing concerns for safety planning which are being discussed. This is more for traffic control. The small kids who are running should be considered for safety issues while on the race course. Runners 12 years and younger are typically not permitted to run in the 5K race. Some exceptions are made with conditions that an adult will run with them. There is a concern about the t-shirt sizes (whether there are enough of each size available). It was suggested that there be at least two additional Police present throughout the course (perhaps crossing guards would be helpful in lieu of Police presence). The Turkey Trot & Gobbler Race turns a profit for the Village. This could easily justify adding additional resources to the event. There is really no downside to this argument. Results of the race and a recap will be discussed at the December Parks & Recreation Commission meeting to allow for further analysis of the event. There was a suggestion that the race include a charity aspect to it as many races do this for their race. This idea will be more closely considered for the 2018 race event.

Tree Lighting Social – Event to be held on 12/3/17. This year's event will have a professional photographer to take pictures of the Mr. & Mrs. Claus children photos. The ornaments have arrived for the event and local bakeries have donated desserts for the event. There will additionally be hot dog roasting, hot chocolate and a live band for the festivities.

Dog Park Update – Due to the incompatibility of Ward Avenue to facilitate a dog park, Taylor’s Lane is being considered as a possible option. The Village is awaiting confirmation from New York State that this former compost site can be utilized as a dog park. Once approval is received from New York State, a sketch of the location will be produced to demonstrate the park design.

Ball Fields – The fields are closed as of this date. On 12/3/17, the soccer goals will be taken down. There was a brief discussion regarding the charges for field use. Current understanding is the fields are charged per field per organization. Sharing of the fields was also brought up, however there was no consensus regarding this.

Beach Use (off-season) – There was a recent discussion at a Board meeting to allow for the Stephen E. Johnston Beach to remain open year-round. There will need to be additional signage posted in the beach area. Village Hall will need to formalize practices and protocols prior to the year-round beach access commencing.

Meeting called to a close by Kerry Stein at 8:45 P.M.

Next meeting: Thursday, December 21, 2017

Minutes taken by Charles Vigliotti