

Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 27, 2017

Meeting called to order by Barry Casterella at 7:37 P.M.

Attendees: Manny Enes

Kerry Stein

Kathleen Gallaher

Tina Maresca

Randi Robinowitz

Absent Steve Scarangella

Joan Spedafino

Veronica Colman

Dan Margoshes

Present: Barry Casterella – General Forman of Parks

Trustee Leon Potok, Liaison

Elizabeth Linsalato - Recreation Leader

Charles Vigliotti, Office Assistant

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

Dog Park Update – Barry, Leon met with Dr. Marilyn Glasser regarding the creation of a dog park in Mamaroneck Village. Two locations were scouted as possible locations, Ward Avenue Park and Stanley Avenue Park. It was determined by Dr. Glasser that Ward Park requires landscaping, but is the preferable location of the two. The largest cost in a dog park is the need for fencing. Estimated costs are approximately \$50,000 for the entire dog park. There was discussion about the possibility of obtaining donations for the project, however it was determined that there is little possibility of achieving this and it would simply hold up the process of proceeding with the dog park project. The next step is to obtain a proposal from Dr. Glasser regarding the project. She charges \$75.00 per hour for her consulting services and there is a \$350.00 cost for a rendering of the proposed park as well if desired. Discussion of having a key fob system built into the permit system which will allow access to the park.

Beer Fest – This was a very successful event and achieved attendance of between 7,500 – 8,000 visitors. An extremely organized event with excellent coordination between various groups. There were no problems whatsoever and everyone enjoyed the day.

Lanza Field – Spiking & seeding of Lanza Field will take place on 9/28/17. FASNY would like to use Lanza Field for their 11 home games. This issue needs to be addressed. Lanza is supposed to be used only for official games when they cannot be accommodated at another location.

Columbus Park – The basketball courts were repainted by Gerosa's and are completely done. Investigation into replacing bleachers and benches at this park.

Staycations - These programs were launched previously in the year and are being run again during the upcoming school break periods. Magic Workshop is coming back for a future school break. Inquiring about a possible fashion workshop program for girls.

VMDC Update – Camp this year went very well. All trips, kayak events, SUP, Dave's Cast of Characters all played a role in the success of the season. There were minimal issues and overall a successful and satisfying camp year at the Harbor.

Tiki Luau Event – This was an incredibly successful event with over 2,500 participants in attendance. There was a movie shown, live entertainment, food trucks, etc.

Movies on the Sand – This year saw the launch of a new movie series on the beach. There was one rainout which occurred in the season. Approximately 300 people attended the latest installation of the movie series which showed the movie *Big Hero* 6 which was played the same night as the Family Camp out event.

Family Camp Out – An annual event which was very successful this year – a combination of good weather and entertainment which helped it to become the largest camp out to date. There were 43 tents on Pavilion field and over 200 people. We had two food trucks to help the campers enjoy themselves - a pizza truck in the evening and a breakfast truck in the morning.

Pinot Painting – This event took place the same night as Family Camp out. It was held on the side deck of the pavilion building and brought in 15 participants. It was a "dry" event with no alcohol being served.

Family Fun Night – This was an event which took place on the Stephen E. Johnston beach and included SUP, kayaking, food trucks, volleyball, s'mores, etc. Event was successful.

Advertising Considerations – There was a discussion regarding broadening the advertising from the Recreation department. Ideas included including a flyer in every mailbox and to additionally connect to the Village email database.

Harbor Island Park Exit Lanes – It has been suggested to make the right lane a straight and right turn out of the Harbor to reduce the congestion. If someone is attempting to make a left in the current configuration, any subsequent car wanting to go straight is held up until the left is made. This can congest the egress as the light turns red quickly.

Meeting called to a close by Barry Casterella at 8:25 P.M.

Next meeting: Thursday, October 19, 2017

Minutes taken by Charles Vigliotti