



Village of Mamaroneck Parks & Recreation



Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 18, 2018

Meeting called to order by Kerry Stein at 7:32 P.M.

Attendees: Dan Margoshes Kathleen Gallaher Manny Enes
Tina Maresca Kerry Stein Randi Robinowitz
Veronica Colman

Absent Lou Santoro Tina Maresca

Present: Trustee Tafur, Liaison
Sandy Korkatzis – Superintendent of Recreation
Charles Vigliotti, Office Assistant

Meeting was opened by Kerry Stein at 7:32 p.m.

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

Beach Access Discussion – The Village Manager is drafting a letter to the Board of Trustees regarding this issue. Suggestions include to allow access while the Recreation & Parks staff is on-site (normal business hours) or a Dawn to Dusk policy. Concerns for safety included ice - when there is ice present to not allow access to the beach. In the past years there have been observations of kids on the ice and the gunderboom, etc. It is the Board's understanding that there needs to be a policy perception. There have been numerous calls from residents in this regard. The first step should include a legal memo which will address liability and other normal precautions. The Board sees that having year-round beach access does work in other municipalities. The Board is open to considering a Dawn to Dusk beach access policy, however there is still need for discussion for specific items. All reasonable precautions should be taken with regard to the policy going into effect. Ultimately, it is the Village's responsibility for the policy which is to be put into place. Is there proper enforcement for the policy? There are gaps and holes which need to be addressed. The ultimate goal should be to have the beach open as much as possible for the benefit of the residents. Park Rangers should be looked into as an option to address enforcement issues on the beach. Sandy K. will document events which occur to study (use/misuse).

Camp Fees for 2018 Season – Recreation is looking at the resident versus non-resident fees where the 4th enrolled child was free. At this time there is no plan to raise the camp tuition fees. Registrants are able to spread payments

out over the entire Summer to assist the financial burden. Consideration should be made for families registering a third and fourth child. Camp is in the black for the past season. There are plans for a camp restructuring for 2018. Additionally there is a consideration to implement a Teen Travel Program for 13-14-15 year olds - where they would go on trips three days per week.

Summer Camp Discussion - The VMDC program is popular with the parents for schedule flexibility, that we offer early morning drop-off and extended day programming. The camp program drew approximately 290 children with 220 being residents. The lunch program, which was initially implemented this past season, was a huge success. The online aspect to the camp registration was excellent. An outstanding issue which still remains to be fully resolved is the rain day location – there needs to be more options for the campers as a destination. The camp needs to have access to additional schools for this purpose. Village Manager Rob Yamuder is on a school board; we will inquire with him if he would be able to assist in locating an additional school for rain dates. This year’s camp orientation will include team-building activities including sports, games, etc. This is designed to foster unity and teamwork for the 2018 season. The Recreation department is looking to begin taking camp registrations in March 2018.

Softball Tournament – This special event permit will need to be discussed. The local Firemen are participating in the tournament.

Pavilion HVAC Replacement – There is a need to replace the three HVAC units in the Stephen E. Johnston Beach Pavilion facility. There have been a continuous stream of service calls for repairs and replacements of parts over many years. The approximate cost to fund this project is \$50,000. Dan Sarnoff has the quotes on this project.

Concessions - It will require another year to consider this large scale project. At present, we will continue to utilize food trucks to act as vendors for beach and park patrons.

Facility Limitations - Currently, the pavilion facility is maxed out with regard to available space. There is a consideration as to utilize the lobby as best as possible for additional functionality. Fixing the HVAC would be a precedent to create a proper environment for meetings of various types.

Meeting called to a close by Randi Robinowitz at 8:52 P.M.

Next meeting: Thursday, March 15, 2018

Minutes taken by Charles Vigliotti