



Village of Mamaroneck Parks & Recreation

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Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Attendees: Kristen Vetter Randi Robinowitz Veronica Colman Manny Enes
 Tina Maresca Kathleen Gallaher Emily Marshall

Absent Dan Margoshes

Present: Barry Casterella – General Foreman of Parks
 Jason Pinto – Recreation Assistant
 Trustee Nora Lucas - Liaison

Meeting called to order by Barry Casterella at 7:36 P.M. Randi made a motion and Kathleen seconded. Previous month's minutes were approved,

Steve Goldstein Qui Gong Discussion – Steve Goldstein attended the meeting this month to continue discussion about his offering to teach free Qui Gong classes in Harbor Island Park. The Qui Gong program is a type of calisthenics which is a no-impact exercise/martial arts program. Steve is looking to offer free classes in Harbor Island Park. He is willing to add the Village as additional insured on his insurance in order to run the program properly. He would not be able to offer the Village a primary insured status due to the cost. The Village could sanction it through offering it as a regular Recreation program. Potential start date would be 2nd week in May, utilizing the West basin location on Sundays as a program location. The Commission was in favor of proceeding with this opportunity for the community.

Event/Program Request Discussion – A not-for-profit organization, the South Asian American Cultural Society, wants to rent out parts of Harbor Island Park to hold an event in the near future. The discussion of fees for not-for-profits should be addressed at a future meeting to determine a matrix for pricing. Size of event, number of staff personnel required to determine permit pricing are variables to be considered. This year, the request by the South Asian American Cultural Society to hold an event at Harbor Island Park will be denied due to the short timeframe requested by them.

Beach & Parking 2018 Revenues & Fee Discussion – It is determined that with tighter accounting of the revenues, things will improve from years past. Fees for the seasonal beach & parking rates will remain the same for the 2019 season. There is a suggestion that the parking booth fees increase from \$7.00 to \$8.00 for weekday parking and from \$10.00 to \$12.00 on weekends. Randi and Kristen brought it to vote and motion passed. Pricing



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for seasonal Sportime member parking permits need to be addressed in conjunction with a review of their contract with the Village in order to determine appropriate pricing.

Happy Harbor Play Discussion -This program was originally an all-day program and parents could pay for five different parts, now it is a morning only program. It currently requires additional marketing to be a profitable program. It is a Recreation program and has the legitimacy it requires. Currently, applications are being accepted for the fall 2019 program. During the budget time of 2020, it will be reviewed as to determine its viability as an ongoing program.

Beef Fest Discussion – Prior engagements with the Half Time Beverage company have resulted in difficult payment schedules and concerns regarding field conditions, appropriate fees for usage and timely payment issues. There is the suggestion that Half Time Beverage should pay in advance and that the fees should increase from prior years due to the numerous costs involved in staffing the event and the necessary field repairs required post-event. It has been suggested by Village staff members that that there should be no activities allowed on the day of the event due to safety concerns. For the event, Lanza Field is closed for five days (Thursday-Monday). An inquiry as to the permissibility and legality of the event was brought to issue by Nora. A tentative framework for a resolution regarding was put forth by the Commission. Regarding the field usage on the day of the event, it was suggested that the fields be playable from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. with soccer games being okay to be played this day.

Short-Term Parking Proposal for Harbor Island Park – It has been suggested that a short-term parking solution be established by the sewer treatment plant in Harbor Island Park. This effort will aid local businesses for patrons to park nearby while shopping on Mamaroneck Avenue. This would be for Monday – Friday only. There would need to be a new effort to advertise this option with signage and enforcement to make it work properly for all parties.

The meeting was called to a close at 9:45 p.m. by Barry Casterella.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 in the Village courtroom.

Minutes were taken by Charles Vigliotti.