

Recreation Commission Regular Meeting
James Harmon Community Center - 44 Main Street
Thursday, July 13, 2017 - 8:00pm
MEETING MINUTES

In attendance:

Gene Calamari, John Dailey, David Downs, Mike Jacobs, Angela Reeve,
Matt Nordt (Superintendent)

1. Call to Order

2. Public Comment

No public comment.

3. Old Business

Upcoming / New Programs:

- Hastings Weekend
Sat July 15: Chemka Pool (10am-2pm noodle swim, 3pm boat regatta), Zinsser Park (7pm family band and family movie night)
Sun July 16: Chemka Pool (11am -1pm Senior Splash, 1pm – 5pm Family Day)

4. New Business

Introduction of new Recreation Assistant – Sean Florence (sflorence@hastingsgov.org)

Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies, July 14 (Fri)

- 10am- Quarry Trail Phase 2
- 12pm- Hillside Tennis Courts

Request for Activity Room (downstairs) to be named in memory of Professor Stepanchev. The senior Current Events group mailed Matt to ask that the Rec Dept consider naming the downstairs conference room after Professor Stepanchev, who started the Current Events group years ago. Matt has since learned that such a request would need to be approved by the Board of Trustees. Val Harmon suggested that the Commission consider the lobby display (where photos and bios of past community members for whom Hastings parks are named after) to perhaps display a photo and bio of Prof. Stepanchev. Matt will respond to the senior Current Events group to advise.

Placing of artwork in Riverview Park –

Matt advised the Commission that a sculpture had been installed in the lower area of Riverview Park on June 29th without specific Rec Dept approval. A representative from the Hastings Arts Commission shared that their group had sent communication to Rec and DPW advising of the install, and in noted that DPW had assisted in preparing the site and overseeing install, yet they

had not heard back from the Rec Dept indicating there would be an issue. This brought up a discussion of how the process should work, what parties are involved, what applications or paperwork need to be submitted to whom and approved by whom, what are the liability issues for the install, for the artwork itself, is there someone responsible for reviewing the structural stability of heavy pieces, etc. The representative from the Arts Commission shared that her group selects the Village locations and types of art to be displayed, then coordinates with the artists and with the Village (Rec and DPW). Arts Commission has application process for prospective artists, who are required to provide liability insurance for their works. Arts Commission then works with the Superintendents of the Recreation Department and the DPW to coordinate install logistics. The existing process has worked well in the past as in the cases of the large scale sculptures displayed in front of the Library and Village Hall.

David shared part of the history in planning the Riverview Park is that it could be an exhibit space in the Village. In the case of Riverview Park, Matt acknowledged that having a better understanding of the overall process will certainly help avoid any concerns/issues in the future. The representative from the Arts Commission suggested that her group make an inventory of current art work that is installed around the Village.

Pool Permits – special caregiver pass. Currently, the Rec Department offers a \$140 Nanny/Special Caregiver pass to family permit holders. If an adult other than the adult listed on the Special Caregiver pass wants to bring a child (who holds a family permit) to the pool, then they are asked to pay a \$10 guest fee. A family this summer posed the question as to whether their Special Caregiver pass could be shared among the several adults who care for their children. Val Harmon, Pool Director, noted that the current registration system does not allow for the flexibility of naming multiple adult caregivers for any one family permit. As the permits are issued to a specific person (the caregiver), whose contact information and photo are linked to the pass in the registration system, the Chemka staff could see no easy way to allow families to circulate their Special Caregiver passes. The issue of safety in knowing who was attending young permit holders at any particular time was discussed as a benefit of having Special Caregiver passes linked to a specific person... Staff want the ability to quickly identify the adult in attendance with a child at any given time. At this point in the season, and in consideration that the current registration system does not allow the flexibility of indicating multiple caregivers per family permit pass, the Commission felt that Chemka staff should continue to offer entrance via collecting a \$10 daily guest pass for an adult caregiver who does not specifically hold their own caregiver pass.

5. Adjournment. - Meeting adjourned @ 9:35pm.

Next Meeting – August 10, 2017 @ 8pm, JHCC

July minutes prepared by A. Reeve . Adopted 9/21/17.