

**Recreation Commission Regular Meeting
James Harmon Community Center - 44 Main Street
Thursday, August 10, 2017 - 8:00pm
MEETING MINUTES**

In attendance:

Gene Calamari, 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:

- Matt is searching for a tennis instructor to lead our fall Rec program
- Soccer – Little Kickers (ages 3-5 yrs) will run Sep 19 – Oct 24 @ Zinsser Field
- Tackle Football – currently, the Rec Dept is not pursuing due to waning interest and increase parent concern about youth contact sport. Exploring youth Flag Football for fall.

4. New Business

Uniontown Park – Update.

Gene shared that the Uniontown Park committee met earlier this evening, and the final design/plan is now ready to present to the Board of Trustees at their 8/22/17 meeting. An overview of the numbers: there is \$210K budgeted for the Uniontown project, with another approximate \$20K remaining in the capital budget. The final design that Gisolfi Landscape Architects (GLA) presented to the Uniontown committee exceeds \$300K. Matt shared that we are looking at what prep work the Village Parks department may be able to cover to save money. This cost estimate does not include playground equipment and install. The design GLA presented meets the three objectives identified at the start: address parking; get the field/fencing to regulation play; and design a safe spot for the playground. There was discussion as to whether the bids could go out in mid-September. The time of year that bids go out can be considered to reduce overall cost.

Spray Pool – Update.

Weekly water samples are being collected by a 3rd party vendor and being sent to Westchester County Department of Health (WCDoH), and that process is going well, and there have been no issues with water quality (reference earlier discussions as to the need to collect samples per WCDoH to address the concern that the Spray Pool is no longer level and does not evenly overflow into the perimeter filtration).

Rich Strobel (Parks Foreman and Certified Pool Operator) and Matt Nordt met with representatives from WCDoh, who indicated that they would be willing to allow the Village to continue 1 more season of taking water samples from the Spray Pool provided that the Village comes up with a plan to address the issue by March 2018. If there is an approved plan in place by March 2018 to address the overflow issue, then WCDoh would consider approving a Spray Pool Permit for the 2018 season (during which weekly water samples would be collected and analyzed).

Rich and Matt will take the necessary steps to bring in an engineer in September to start focusing on the problem and report back to the Commission.

Sugar Pond Shed.

Matt shared some architect designs for a "Sugar Pond Nature Center" submitted by Christina Griffin Architect, PC. This as a result of previous years discussion with prior Superintendent of Parks & Rec, the Hillside Nature Guides, and residents who posed the question as to whether the shed could be converted to a nature center of some sort that would serve the community and neighboring Hastings public schools. While Matt acknowledged that the Rec Dept does not currently have the funding in the budget to realistically pursue such a possibility, he did distribute some designs and supporting info from this local architect. David suggested the Rec Commission connect with the Hastings Education Foundation to see if this is something they might want to be involved with, and he suggested we consider the option of a nature center in the 2018-2019 budget. (reference handout "Sugar Pond Nature Center, Christina Griffin Architect, PC")

Quarry Park – Update.

Matt presented quick overview of the numbers - \$1.9M cost of base remediation, plus \$400K in add-alternates. There is \$1.3M earmarked for this project from the Consent Decree. Joanne (Commission Chair) had emailed the Commission a draft letter that the Quarry Park Committee asked the Rec Commission to sign and submit to the Mayor to be included in grant applications. At the time of this meeting, grant applications had already been submitted.

David reminded us that there will undoubtedly be concerns over ADA compliance within the Quarry Park, and most likely questions as to ADA compliance in accessing the park. David sent Trustee Lemons an email for the record stating that we should be proactively considering how the deer population will affect Quarry Park.

Meet Me at the River Music Festival – Draper Park.

September 9 (Saturday). Matt met with event organizer to review what aspects the Village would support (stage, port-a-johns, clean up and o/t staffing, police staffing) and what aspects the event organizers would cover (generators will be a festival responsibility).

MacEachron Waterfront Park & Kinnally Cove.

Matt will inspect the shoreline and the cove looking for signs of erosion and report back to the Commission.

5. Adjournment. - Meeting adjourned @ 9:00pm.

Next Meeting – September 21, 2017 @ 8pm, JHCC

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