

Parks & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting
James Harmon Community Center - 44 Main Street
Thursday, February 8, 2018 8 PM
MINUTES

In Attendance: Joanne Baecher-DiSalvo (Chair), Gene Calamari, John Dailey, David Downs, Mike Jacobs, Angela Reeve, Lisa O'Reilly (Rec Assistant), Rich Strobel (Parks Foreman)

1. Call to Order

2. Public Comments

- Angela Reeve extended an invitation to the Commission on behalf of Chris Scarglotta to attend his Eagle Scout ceremony for the park improvement project he completed this past summer at Draper Park. The ceremony will be on March 18 (Sun) 3pm at the Community Center.
- Jeff Alterman - offered several suggestions for the Commission's consideration for summer 2018 at Chemka Pool:
 - Lap lanes - suggested reversing the order so that lanes 1 (along the wall) & lane 2 would become single lanes (as the slow lanes for lap swimmers and instructional lessons) and make lanes 3 & 4 the double wide lane where lap swimmers could circle swim. Jeff suggested that a double wide could accommodate up to 8 circle swimmers.
 - Can there be more flexibility to the 1 hour maximum lap lane rule during low usage times?
 - Can we consider setting the member swim hours for 12N weekdays in the month of June (rather than 3pm)?
 - Can we consider extending weekday hours in August past 8pm?
 - Can we consider a 15 min "adult only" / 45 min "all member" swim format during busy weekend hours?

Angela offered a couple of reasons why a 12N opening in the month of June may not be the most efficient or even well attended: temperature of the pool water; availability of enough lifeguards (majority of the LG staff are high school students who are in school until 3pm); number of pool users (in June, children are still in school and they possibly constitute the largest number of users actually in the water). Angela did point out that as soon as the Hastings schools conclude with their last couple of half days, that the full Chemka complex is operational and well staffed to accommodate a midday opening.

In the interest of time in regards to this evening's agenda, Joanne asked if we could add these suggestions, as well as a review of the Chemka Pool rules and member hours schedule to the March Commission's agenda.

3. Upcoming/New Programs and Old Business:

- Approved and adopted the minutes from the January 2018 monthly meeting.

- Upcoming/New Programs:

For young children / preschoolers:

Toddler Time playgroup – Feb 13 – Mar 13

For school aged children:

Candy Bridges (ages 7-13 yrs) – Feb 14

Take it Apart – inside electronics (ages 7-13)

For young adults / adults / seniors:

Zumba (18+ yrs) – Feb 7 – April 4

Valentine Party for Seniors - Feb 12

Talk on Fall Prevention – Feb 20

Trip to Empire City – Feb 28

Senior Calendar of Events (see handout for February)

For Families and the Community:

Songs from the 60's for kids & families – Feb 11

No Empty Bowl Chili Night - Hastings Rec & Project SHARE - Feb 17

- Rich will include the following items in the 2018-2019 Parks budget submission:

Fence Hillside Woods	\$146,000	(this will be a capital expense item)
Playground Uniontown	\$ 70,000	
Fence 9A (est 550 linear feet)	\$ 26,000	
Sugar Pond Shed Roof	\$ 20,000	
Paint Uniontown Basketball	\$ 10,000	
New Stairs Zinsser (materials)	\$ 3,500	(note: labor/install would be Parks staff)
Maintenance & Repair of		
Main Room of JHCC	\$ 50,000	(primarily repair of ceiling)
Bocce court	\$ 4,000	
Specialty tools for parks dept	\$ 4,000	

	\$345,300	

Uniontown Playground – Rich provided some samples of playground equipment that could be considered for that location just to help determine an estimate \$ amount to include in next year's parks budget

Lisa and Rich are working on applications for the camp and pool permits for the 2018 summer season.

4. New Business

- **Uniontown Park - Update**

Rich Strobel reported that progress over the winter months has been slow, as is to be expected with the limitations the weather puts

- **Spray Pool - Update -**

Rich has received and reviewed the engineer's report.

The WCDoH regards the project as a "repair in kind" - in this case no full WCDoH approvals will be required once the plans have been accepted and approved by the County.

To keep to the "repair in kind" status, we've eliminated all "add ons" requests for the spray feature enhancements because such upgrades (not considered "repairs") would require full review and approval of the County.

Regarding the perimeter deck spray systems (that already exist as part of the original construction) Rich will pressure test those lines to see if we can get that existing feature up and running (to give an allure of something new/different to be enjoyed by young patrons).

As an "add-alternative" to the contract bids we will ask for a non-binding price to replace the entire concrete deck and expansion joints around the perimeter of the Spray Pool. Timeframe: It MAY be possible to get contractor bids in by Feb 23rd with possibility to complete work by May 4th. Time is getting tight however, and RFPs still need to be prepared.

Angela reiterated that we need to ensure that the full Chemka complex is up and running by Memorial Day weekend as so many of our aquatic programs and our member permits are based on a full complex offering, which includes full use of the Spray for the entire 2018 season.

We should keep in mind that WCDoH will grant us one more season of supplying weekly water samples from the Spray in the event that we need to postpone repair work until fall 2018.

Rich reminded us that after the Spray Pool has been repaired will have to install a new liner (approximately \$12K).

Pool Director position for Chemka in 2018 – Val Harmon served as interim pool director for 2017 but indicated she will not be able to serve in this full time role for the upcoming season. Lisa advised the Village Manager who approved the department's request to post for a full time pool director. Lisa has advertised the position through WRAPS (Westchester Recreation and Parks Society). Angela posted the position on Westchester County Swim Conference (both northern and southern leagues). Lisa will

look into posting on indeed.com thru which several such postings can be found for the Westchester area. Applicants should direct cover letter and resume to Village Manager.

- **Tennis - 2018 Permits, Programs, and Use of Hillside Tennis Courts - update**

Lisa spoke with Maureen Caraballo, Hastings UFSD about the possibility of Hastings Rec permitting the tennis courts at Reynolds park. School district is not interested and shared that free use off the courts by Hastings residents was one of the stipulations the Schools offered to the community at the time of the facilities upgrades.

Permits will be sold for the Village's Hillside Courts at the same fees as were last offered in 2015. This month the P&R Commission discussed whether to sell non-resident tennis permits. After discussing the Departments needs for use of the courts, the school district's needs, and in consideration that Reynolds courts will no longer be permitted by the Village, the Commission agreed to offer non-resident tennis permits consistent with what was last offered in 2015, ie:

Non-Resident Tennis Permit Prices:

Senior - \$50

Individual - \$50

2-person - \$80

Family - \$100

All non-residents must have a resident sponsor who has a valid Hastings tennis permit. Maximum # non-resident permits sold is 10.

Guest fees \$10 / player (must be accompanied by a current permit holder)

- **9A Parcel**

Fencing estimate is \$26K. Zero use for this spring 2018.

- **Waterfront Rezoning Committee (WRC)**

(reference Village's 2/7/18 email blast outlining the WRC's agenda for the organizational meeting taking place 2/8/18).

Committee members: Thomas Asher, Richard Bass, Morgan Fleisig, Danielle Galland, Spencer Orcus, Shannon Rooney, Kate Starr, Katey Stechel, Meg Walker

David Downs reported, from having attended the BoT meeting appointing the WRC, that the Mayor has identified the WRC as an advisory board. While the WRC will have no legal or binding authority in working with developers, they have been tasked with coming up with a plan that can be presented to developers and the community. (full list of powers and duties can be found on the Village's website). The WRC is expected to submit the zoning code modification by Feb 28, 2020.

Joanne asked Angela to follow up with the WRC to learn who was appointed as WRC Chairperson, and gain contact info and details for the WRC's March meeting.

Since the WRC is planning on meeting the 2nd Thursday of each month, the P&R Commission has agreed to move our monthly meetings to the 3rd Thursday of each month (still at 8pm) to allow liaison participation between the two committees. Joanne suggested that any/all P&R Commission members that may be able to attend the WRC Mar 8 meeting do so and P&R Commission will move to hold our regularly montly March meeting on the 15th at 8pm, JHCC. After learning a bit more about the WRC, the P&R Commission will look to have a member serve as a liaison to the WRC.

5. Meeting adjourned 9:30pm.

Next Meeting: March 15, 2018 - 8:00pm at the James Harmon Community Center

Minutes prepared by: A. Reeve

Minutes adopted on: April 19, 2018