

Parks & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting
James Harmon Community Center - 44 Main Street
Thursday, July 19, 2018 8 PM
MINUTES

In Attendance:

Joanne Baecher-DiSalvo (Chair), Gene Calamari, John Dailey, David Downs, Mike Jacobs, Angela Reeve, Aaron Podhurst (Superintendent).

A quorum is in order.

1. Call to Order

2. Public Comments

- Anne Russack asked if something was planned to recognize Gloria Brkich for her years of volunteer service on the Parks & Recreation Commission. Joanne indicated September.
- Valerie Harmon announced that she is retiring as the Chemka pool director at the close of the season in September.
- Peter Constantine, Hastings Little League asked about the possibility of
 - ~ putting an extension to the backstop at Zinsser 2 to eliminate balls going into neighboring yards
 - ~ signage to address issue of dog waste
 - ~ installing 1-2 more sections to the fence of Zinsser 1 (near 1st base) to prevent over throws from going into the spectator area
 - ~ permanent status of batting cage near Zinsser 2 (this site was selected as Uniontown was under construction, but noted Uniontown already has a batting cage) Noted a batting cage at Zinsser could be used by both boy and girl programming

3. Old Business and Upcoming/New Programs:

- June Meeting Minutes approved.
- Upcoming/New Programs
 - ~ Summer At The Gardens (grades 1-4)
 - ~ Little Splashers (ages 3-5yrs)
 - ~ Big Splashers (ages 6-10yrs)

4. New Business

- **Spray Pool** - update

Regarding the RFP process, Aaron reported he is working with the engineer and hopes to get the RFP out within the next couple weeks.

While discussing the Chemka pool complex/programs, and in light of Mrs. Harmon's announcement that she will be retiring, the Commission supports the move to formally request a full time recreation person that could run the pool in the summer and take on other responsibilities in the department. Aaron will draw up a job description of what those responsibilities could entail.

- **Uniontown Park**- update

Aaron reported that the new renderings of the playground equipment was well received at the recent public meeting. Looking to August 7th Board of Trustee meeting to seek funding approval. Site update: blacktop down, trees planted, outfield seeded, fence and netting up.

- **Zinsser Park - Update**

Commission approved proposal to extend backstop on Zinsser 2, extend the fence on Zinsser 1. HLL offered to pay for the enhancements and Aaron will work with the Village's approved vendor for the fencing. Commission asked HLL to work with P&R to develop signage for use of the batting cage and asked Aaron to develop signage for the park. Gene Calamari noted that the alternate sites for the batting cage have been measured and are not large enough to accommodate the batting cage. The batting cage will remain where it currently is and we will review again in the fall once Uniontown Park is open, when we expect use of the batting cage at Zinsser will decrease as well as traffic and activity overall.

- Joanne gave a recap of the Waterfront Rezoning Committee meeting she attended last week and noted the WRC is having their next public meeting on Sep 13th.

5. Meeting adjourned 10:10pm

Next Meeting: September 20, 2018 - 8:00pm at the James Harmon Community Center
Noted: No P&R Commission meeting will be held in the month of August.

Minutes prepared by: A. Reeve

Minutes adopted on: September 20, 2018