

**Parks & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting
James Harmon Community Center - 44 Main Street
Thursday, July 11, 2019 8 PM**

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Joanne Baecher-DiSalvo (Chair), Gene Calamari, John Dailey, David Downs, Mike Jacobs, Angela Reeve, and Aaron Podhurst (Superintendent). A quorum is in order.

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment

- Valerie Harmon, High Street, Hastings (former director of Chemka Pool) - Val would like to address a recent post to the 10706 facebook page where someone posted that they didn't like that youth members were in the lap lanes one evening during member swim. Val noted that on Tuesday evenings (for 6 weeks) from 6:30pm - 7:30pm, the Lollipop League (instructional swim class for youth) use 1 lap lane where the children are indeed swimming laps. Angela and Joanne shared that it has been the sentiment of the Commission in the past that youth can indeed use the lap lanes, as long as they are swimming laps. Appreciating that there is a demand for the lap lanes during this time, Angela thought perhaps any programming that would make use of a lap lane could be scheduled on an evening where the pool is open until 10pm, thereby giving lap swimmers the option to come before or after the program/class. We can look at this again when scheduling programming for 2020.

3. Old Business

- Review/approve June minutes.

4. New Business

- Upcoming / New Programs -

(reference www.hastingsrecreation.org for program/registration info)

Chemka Weekend - July 13 & 14 (Saturday is Noodle Day and the Pool Regatta, Sunday is Family Day and the Senior Splash Pool Party). Lap Lanes closed 1pm - 5pm. Refer to Rec website and/or Chemka Pool brochure for specific details.

Senior Trip to Dia - Mon July 22, Beacon, NY. Transportation provided.

- Dog Park - update

As reported in June, David had reached out to Ginsburg regarding the idea of a dog park on the 9A parcel of Village owned land adjacent the Lofts, and they indicated they were not in favor of a dog park at that location. The Mayor had asked David to see if a meeting could be set up between the Village and Ginsburg, but David reported to date they have been unresponsive. The last interaction/communication David reports was early May.

- Skate Park - update

Aaron is checking with the Village's insurance carrier to see if such a skate park can be unsupervised (vs. requiring an attendant to be staffed by the Village). Regarding the Burke

Estate as a site - Aaron is researching the option of an Inter Municipal Agreement. Fiona Matthews (grant writer for the Village) would be willing to research her resources to see if she can find any grant that might be worth applying for. Mike Jacobs in speaking with the Mayor said info needed for the grant application would include cost estimates, funding sources, and design. We need to clarify the relationship between use of the school district land and the Village. Interest group (Nicole Miziolek and HOH Skate, et al) are working on fundraising and budget for the design.

- Chemka Pool - update

Aaron reminded us that the last bid process we received no responses for the work/repairs needed to the Spray Pool. Aaron has a plumber/engineer looking to do work on the Spray Pool. Looking at Fall to begin work (ie. re-level the spray pool) for roughly \$100K. (we will recall initial estimates were upwards of \$200K).

Joanne asked how the current management arrangement was working to staff the Chemka Pool. Aaron shared that he is up at the pool regularly, that roles and responsibilities were being worked out. He will assess after the close of the season. Joanne asked if signage could be placed on the gate if there are time(s) when Early Morning Swim has to be cancelled.

- Superintendent's Report

Chemka Pool - things are going well.

Uniontown dugout - as mentioned in June, the dugout was replaced and looks great. Hastings Little League has been very generous and cooperative throughout the repair process. The new signs regarding park usage have been placed.

Zinsser Park - targeting late August / Fall to do the work on drainage.

Hillside Woods - Vine Squad working on invasives with Parks Foreman and some seasonal employees.

Playgrounds - inspections by Playground Medic completed, they made recommendations to replenish surfaces.

- Review update for Board of Trustee Meeting -

John Dailey, as our P&R Commission liaison to the BoTs, will highlight short term goals of creating a Dog Park, share discussions pertaining to a skate park, and our continued concern for Hillside Woods.

5. Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: September 12, 2019 (Thursday) 8pm @ JHCC

Note: No August meeting.