

The Park and Recreation Commission came to order for its meeting at the Senior Center on Monday, June 24, 2019 at 7:03pm.

Commission Members : Shirley Canniff, Leslie Mayer, Jen Rothenberg, Don Vitters, and Phil Lasker were in attendance. Director of Recreation Stacey Mulroy and Recreation Supervisor Erin Campbell were also present.

Members of the Public : John Gillis – A/B Crew, Forrest Snyder

Open Forum – Mr. Snyder expressed his concerns to the Commission around available field use for “pick-up” and “casual family” use, stating that user groups often do not use the fields to which they are assigned. Ms. Mulroy shared the Recreation’s efforts to implement slot-scheduling throughout the summer to help address field usage concerns. Ms. Rothenberg suggested that Mr. Snyder secure a permit if his “pick-up group” would like a certain field at a certain time. Mr. Snyder replied that he did not feel that residents should have to secure permits if they were not a user group. He also requested that the minutes reflect his disagreement with the new policy that badminton and volleyball be restricted to certain fields. Ms. Mulroy explained that the reason for the restriction was based on previous experiences where badminton and volleyball field users were not honoring permitted users.

Correspondence Received / Special Event Requests

Mr. Gillis of A/B Crew presented a list of requests to the Commission including – the dock of Spy Pond, expanding the footprint of the cage, an electrical hook-up and building a protective structure/overhang for the boats. The Commission advised Mr. Gillis of the Conservations Commissions concerns regarding the previously proposed dock’s material make-up and location in regards to the endangered plant species located on the shoreline of Spy Pond. Also noted were the restrictions surrounding permanent structures in relation to the shoreline. The Commission advised Mr. Gillis to organize a working group – including A/B Crew, ConCom, the PRC, ADA and FOSPP representatives. Mr. Gillis will reach out to the Conservation Commission to discuss the A/B Crew’s requests.

Approval of Minutes – Mr. Vitters motioned to approve the minutes of June 4, 2019 as amended, seconded by Ms. Rothenberg and approved 4-0.

Reservoir Rebuild Discussion – There were two bids for the Reservoir Project – Phase 1. JJ Phelan and Sons was the low bid, ahead of D&C Construction Co. Ms. Mulroy will reach out to Weston and Sampson regarding their calculated estimates. Mr. Lasker recommended more research on effective pump systems to reduce costs. The new roof for the pump house will remain as an alternate due to cost.

Use of approved CPA funding for the pilot trail work was discussed as it pertains to ADA compliance.

Working Groups Discussion – The following working groups participants were appointed –

Ms. Mayer and Ms. Canniff – Capital Plan

Mr. Lasker and Ms. Rothenberg – Field User Fees

Ms. Canniff and Ms. Rothenberg – Field User Study

Next Meetings : July 30, August 13, August 27. Ms. Rothenberg motioned to cancel the meeting previously scheduled for July 16, seconded by Ms. Mayer and approved 4-0.

The Mother’s Out Front event has been moved back to North Union field, approved by the Recreation Office.

Important Dates – N/A

Comments and Items for Future Meetings –

Mr. Brush has resigned from the Commission, effective immediately. Mr. Vitters has submitted his resignation, effective date TBD.

Ms. Canniff's term as Chairperson of the Commission is complete. Ms. Mayer has been appointed the role of Chairperson effective at the next meeting, July 30. Ms. Kristen DeFrancisco will post the one available voting member and two available associate member positions.

The following Recreation positions are currently available - Mr. Yamir Rodriguez has resigned from his position of assistant facilities director. Mr. Jeffrey Jamgochian has resigned from his position as assistant director of Kid's Care After School Program. Ms. Mulroy's previous position of assistant recreation director is also available.

The Commission will discuss ADA improvements and upgrades at the rink at a future meeting.

Mr. Vitters motioned to adjourn at 8:45pm, seconded by Ms. Mayer and approved 4-0.

Respectfully submitted by Deanna Stacchi.

Next meeting is scheduled for July 30, 2019.