

MINUTES
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
January 10, 2023
7:00 p.m.
Indian River Complex Office

Present: Joe Schettino, Michael Sutyla, Robert Karcich, Ronald Stopkoski, Julie Mendez

Also Present: Robert Potter

Guests: None

Meeting was called to order @ 7:00p.m.

Meeting Minutes:

- A motion by Ronald Stopkoski, seconded by Michael Sutyla, to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2022 Meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

Correspondence - only correspondence was from Clinton Soccer- letter read at meeting that they sent 2 checks for donations from the 2022 Soccer tournament with conditions attached to each donation

- a. Check #107 for \$ 1500.00 condition to go to the Park and Recreation special projects fund
 - b. Check # 108 for \$7000.00 condition to go to the Clinton Soccer program
- Motion was made by Ronald Stopkoski, seconded by Michael Sutyla, to accept the donations with conditions. The motion was approved unanimously.
 - Also noted there is the annual Town and joint meetings of Boards and Commissions on 1/30 at town hall that Robert Potter, Joe Schettino and Ronald Stopkoski will be attending

Old Business:

- a. Harry Swaun Pavilion - Started installing Pavers and fence is fixed. Plantings will be in the spring
- b. Review of Park and Recreation Policies and Procedures - A motion was made by Michael Sutyla, seconded by Ronald Stopkoski, to postpone this discussion based on the attendance at this meeting and the need for a new member on the commission. The motion was approved unanimously. Noted topic for discussion when meeting is held is the % of Clinton residence in the sport program for field usages and fees.
- c. Review status of Pierson playground equipment - it was discussed in the Directors report that the equipment has been removed from Pierson/ Staunton area as not to incur any rental fees and is being stored by the Pierson building for certified installer to come back in spring and install at Town Beach as previously agreed on and the certified installer will inspect equipment again when installed. It is to be noted that Robert Potter is a certified inspector of all playground equipment as well.
- d. Erosion at the Town Beach - there is clear erosion happening on Waterside Lane where cannon is and by the point at the end of the nature walk. Robert Potter is in discussion with DPW and there will be a need to involve DEEP as well. DEEP needs to do a survey on the erosion and approve all materials that would be installed to prevent the erosion- Robert Potter to report back at next meeting with more information.
- e. Review of project proposals received from WBA - Designs and proposals are complete for the ARPA funds projects that the commission agreed to put forward to the Town Manager.
- f. The designs and proposals for the home bleachers at Peters football field, the bathhouse update at the Town beach and the artificial turf field replacement at IRRC were all presented to the Town Manger and were available for review after this meeting by the commissioners.

- g. Wi-Fi installation at Peters Complex update - there will need to be new budget of monies for this in the town budget per Town Technology Department and it was mentioned that that should also include the upgrade to camera systems at both Peters and IRCC.
- h. Set Long term and Short Term benchmarks and goals for Park and Recreation projects going forward - Commissioners to submit project information to Kelley, Joe and Robert before next meeting in February and Kelley will send out what list we have already discussed via email to commissioners for the short term projects as to avoid duplication

New Business:

- a. Election of Officers for Commission 2023- A motion made by Michael Sutyla, seconded by Robert Karcich, to retain the current list of officers for the commission (Joe Schettino, Chairperson and Ronald Stopkoski, Vice Chairperson). The motion was approved unanimously.
- b. Approval of Commission meeting dates for 2023- Per List of meeting for 2023 - A motion made by Michael Sutyla, seconded by Robert Karcich, to approval all meeting dates as submitted and have special meeting for field scheduling after March 14, 2023. The motion was approved unanimously.
- c. Clinton Soccer contacted Park and Recreation and set dates for 2023 tournament. A motion was made by Michael Sutyla, seconded by Ronald Stopkoski, to approve all dates. The motion was approved unanimously.

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- c. Pickleball court project - As per the Grant approval on 10/4 and the design that was presented to the Town Manager for Grant projects- for the layout of the Pickle Ball court at the town beach where the Bocce court is currently is- there will be 1 court at the town beach.
- d. If the Town would like to explore other properties for additional space for pickleball courts, the Town will need to allocate additional funds from the Town Budget for study and designs for land use.
- e. Back Stop at Holden Field - due to motor vehicle accident on Glenwood Rd a car drove through the fence at Holden field and took down the backstop. It was mentioned that the replacement of this is going through the town and the insurance companies however it will need to be repaired and installed before the spring as the field will be unusable if it is not installed
- f. Clinton Placemakers - There has been a request from the Clinton Placemakers for use of the Town Beach for a Fire and Ice event to be held on March 25th that will have Music, Food Trucks, Bonfire (with Fire Marshall approval and oversight) and Family activities - this event will follow all current Town Beach polices and guidelines.
- g. Shellfish Committee – The Shellfish trailer located at the town beach was discussed. Robert Potter would like to invite a representative from the Shellfish Commission to the next Park and Recreation committee meeting in February to discuss the future use and placement of the trailer.
- h. Clinton Sailing Club - Robert Potter would like to have the President of the sailing club at the next Park and Recreation committee meeting in February to discuss the trailer and boat storage areas including the use of the launching area for the boats when sailing club is in session
- i. Robert Potter presented 2 articles for 2022 on the Clinton Beach that ranked it in CT- #5 by US News and reports- www.usnews.com and #10 by Planetware - www.planetware.com

A motion was made by Ron Stopkoski, seconded by Michael Sutyla, to adjourn the meeting at 8:06pm. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.