

MINUTES  
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
March 7, 2023  
7:00 P.M.  
Indian River Complex Office

Present: Joe Schettino, Michael Sutyla, Ronald Stopkoski, Julie Mendez, Chris Passante, Chris Williams

Absent: Robert Karcich

Also Present: Robert Potter, Kelley Nichols

Guests: Jon Holecz, Keith Johnson, Creighton Johnson, Willie Fritz, Chris Nowell, Josh Hoadley, Bob Urban, Mark Hornyak, Brady Reynolds, Mike Meyers, Thomas Flynn, Mike Mozzocchi, Jason DiGiandomenico, Eric Johnson

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

Field Scheduling:

- A motion was made by R. Stopkoski, seconded by J. Mendez to grant R. Potter overall control of practice schedules, times and fields. The commission will handle the game schedules. The motion was approved unanimously.
- A motion was made by R. Stopkoski, seconded by M. Sutyla to approve all scholastic schedules. The motion was approved unanimously.
- Soccer Schedules: No schedules are in as of yet per K. Nichols, only have the tournament schedule.
- A motion was made by R. Stopkoski, seconded by M. Sutyla to allocate the fields by sport. The motion was approved unanimously.
- Youth Lacrosse: A motion was made by R. Stopkoski, seconded by M. Sutyla. The motion was approved unanimously.
- Sea Side Special Olympics: A motion was made by R. Stopkoski, seconded by J. Mendez. The motion was approved unanimously.
- Rugby Games: A motion was made by R. Stopkoski, seconded by J. Mendez. The motion was approved unanimously.
- Clinton Little League: The motion was made by R. Stopkoski, seconded by J. Mendez to resolve conflicts across the board. The motion was approved unanimously.
- Girls Softball at Eliot: M. Sutyla raised concern about the Eliot fields not being included in the motion. A motion was made by R. Stopkoski, seconded by J. Mendez. The motion was approved unanimously.
- IRRRC baseball: A motion was made by M. Sutyla, seconded by J. Mendez to approve schedule with the same conditions. The motion was approved unanimously.
- Holden Field: The approval of schedules is conditional upon the completion of repair work being done at the field. Note: all fields are subject to weather conditions and other factors that make them unavailable, but the approval being discussed is for the availability of the fields themselves.
- Lupone Field: A motion was made by R. Stopkoski, seconded by J. Mendez. The motion was approved unanimously.
- Youth Soccer: A motion made by J. Mendez, seconded by M. Sutyla to approve with conflicts. The motion was approved unanimously.

- Men's Over 40 Soccer at IRRRC 2: A motion was made by J. Mendez, seconded by R. Stopkoski to exclude May 28<sup>th</sup> and approve the games for all other dates. The motion was approved unanimously.
- A motion was made by R. Stopkoski, seconded by J. Mendez to approve the 4 remaining fields for little league at Peters and Eliot. R. Potter will approve the schedule once it is submitted and any conflicts worked out.

A motion was made by R. Stopkoski, seconded by M. Sultry to approve the February 7, 2023 minutes as submitted. The motion was approved. Chris Passante and Chris Williams abstained from the vote due to not being present.

#### Correspondence:

- Field Request: Per R. Potter, Meghan Sears is requesting the use of Morgan Field once a week. A motion was made by R. Stopkoski to table the request until April 4<sup>th</sup> when the contractor's work is completed and the commission can assess the condition of the field.
- Clinton Sailing Club: J. Schettino yielded the meeting to R. Stopkoski then recused himself from this discussion. P&R is still in need of the following information: number of boats, storage, resident & non-residents, type of programs (classes, levels and approx. times), along with launching location while camp is in session. The signs and banners haven't been replaced. Note: M. Sutyla concerns if the sailing club needs equipment to sustain themselves they shouldn't bring their own in...it should be from the town so all is uniformed at the beach. The committee needs to see for themselves what the sailing club is and isn't doing throughout the season. R. Potter will address specifics to the Town Council on behalf of the commission.

#### Old Business:

- Shellfish Commission: R. Potter will request a representative with the authority to speak for them to our April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. J. Mendez formally makes the resolution, seconded by M. Sutyla. The motion/resolution was approved unanimously.
- Policies and Procedures: Chris Williams, new to the commission needs a copy and time to familiarize and review. This is tabled for the April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Development Projects: future short and long term goals: M. Sutyla would like for all of park and recreation commission to submit their goals as part of the town councils proactive action plan.
- Town Council approved \$10,000 from the ARPA funds to conduct a study to determine possible site locations for pickleball courts.

#### New Business:

- Welcome Chris Williams to the Park and Recreation Commission.
- Boat Rack Fees and Proof of Residency: A motion was made by M. Sutyla, seconded by R. Stopkoski to increase boat rack fees to \$125 for this year. The motion was approved unanimously.
- Beach Fees will remain the same rate this year.

#### Directors Report:

- Increase boat fees will be posted immediately on our website.
- Our basketball season has come to a successful close, and we owe much of our programs value to the dedicated volunteers who make it all possible. Chris Passante, in particular, managed five teams for us, which was a huge success. We extend our deepest gratitude and heartfelt thanks to all the coaches and parents involved in the program. It's been a great season, and we're proud of what we've accomplished together.

- Little League Field Maintenance:
  - Backstop: contractor is scheduled to make repairs.
  - Broken Fence and fallen tree at the turf field: we're currently waiting for the contractor to come and make the necessary repairs. C. Williams asked if he should contact Mike Beers and R. Potter approved the idea.
- Tree issue and the rock: Waiting on Todd and Gary to take care of it.
- Plaque: once the wording is finalized the plaque will be ordered.
- Middlesex Foundation: We're happy to announce that we've received an additional grant of funds. It will be deposited in the ARF and used to provide scholarships for our camps.
- Beach Project: Two projects will be going out to bid this week. The work for the pickleball equipment has been completed, although it has yet to be announced in the paper. The specs for the pavilion will also be available soon and we can move forward with that project as well. Our consultant is still working on the booster pump specs, which is the only project that requires bidding. As for the plaza, we're aware that we're not required to bid for the picnic tables. We're in charge of \$55,000 budget for this project.
- Erosion: R. Potter is working with the Town Planner to address erosion. In an email the Town Planner informed R. Potter that she has contacted someone from DEEP, to review the erosion issue and provide suggestions for resolving it. Additionally, the Town Planner says she has allocated funds from Karl to conduct further studies on this matter.
- Concession Stand: Paul Orsini wants to run the concession stand again this year if the terms and conditions are the same as last year. The Town Council will need to approve terms and conditions.

A motion was made by M. Sutyla, seconded by J. Mendez to adjourn the meeting at 8:42pm. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.