

MINUTES  
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING  
May 24, 2023  
6:00 p.m.  
Indian River Complex Office

1. Meeting called to order- **6:01pm**

**In attendance:** Robert Potter, Julie Mendez, Ronald Stopkoski, Joe Schettino, Michael Sutyla, Robert Karcich, Christopher Passante, Chris William arrived at 6:05

**Guest:** Wayne Church from Shellfish Committee

2. Shellfish commission: town beach usage

Per discussion and Per Mr. Church no building fund have been budgeted for any outbuilding/shed for the shellfish committee and they are not planning on putting one at the beach. They are possibly hoping for some funds for a new boat but that has not been approved. They are looking to at one point have a dock off Indian river in the future, but they would come to park and recreation committee if any funds are allocated and have it approved as well as seeking approval from town and DEEP. It was discussed to clean up the trailer at the beach and possibly paint it and/or wash it and Mr. Church agreed he would work with the Shellfish committee to clean it. Also mentions that the Shellfish committee would like to have a possible Shellfish Day in the future and will coordinate that through Park and Rec. Department. The areas for shell fishing were reviewed as well and are clearly noted on website at <https://clintonshellfish.org/> along with the rules.

Motion to Recess the meeting for a short period by Joe Schettino at 6:20pm and it was seconded by Ronald Stopkoski- Meeting was called back in session at 6:24pm

3. Clarification of relocation Basketball Court at Town beach – It was discussed that there was a need to clarify the relocation of the basketball courts at the town beach as per last meeting it was voted to use the basketball courts at Indian River Complex for pickleball courts therefore removing the basketball area at that location and repurpose the bocce ball court at the Town beach for basketball court instead of original purposed pickleball court.

Joe Schettino noted the footprint for the courts at the beach needed to remain the same as the bocce courts and that the area was not large enough to have regulation court and there would be no lights at the court at the beach as there are none today.

It was also mentioned that the courts at IRRC are not full regulation either. It was mentioned that the area at the town beach could be some sort of shooting area for basketball. However, Julie Mendez and Michael Sutyla strongly suggested that it would be in best interests of the committee to have a 2-basketball hoop court at the beach knowing that it would not be a full regulation court since neither was IRRC court as the usage at IRRC court is well received by multiple groups and court would have good usage at the town beach as well.

Joe Schettino and Robert Potter agreed to investigate the size of the area at the beach further and see what can fit and see if the basketball hoops at IRRC could be relocated to the town beach as they are adjustable and in good shape as well. The hope of the committee is to have a 2-Hoop basketball court at town beach.

Christopher Passante had to leave meeting at 6:40pm

4. Meeting adjourned- Robert Karcich made motion to adjourn meeting and Ronald Stopkoski seconded this motion and meeting was adjourned at 6:47pm