

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

5/4/2021

Attendees: Committee members, Eric Hoffses, Ali LeBlanc, Arielle Stzelewicz, Claudine Underwood, Program Coordinator Crystal Daher. Residents: Marc Anttila, Elaine Jones, and Susan Scieczkowski.

The meeting commenced at 6:33 pm.

Approve meeting minutes

Ali makes a motion to approve the April meeting minutes, Claudine seconds, all in favor. The motion passes.

Budget Surplus

Eric discusses removing the diseased trees at Manor Park. He spoke with April Steward and Steve Mero. Steve is going to check on the trees, he stated they were originally placed for a sound barrier. Ali suggests skirting the tree and planting new trees behind them. Eric will look into replacing the trees or having a fence installed so no one parks on the field. Mark suggests resurfacing the Hillside gym floors. Eric states that would be out of our budget at this time but it could be looked into for a future project.

Stairs at Hillside

Eric spoke to a few contractors installing stone stairs from the parking lot to the pavilion would be best. He received 2 quotes. M.D. Landscape Construction LLC gave a quote of \$4800.00. Ali makes a motion to accept the bid, Claudine seconds, all in favor. The motion passes.

Camp Harrington

Eric stated that the Town Planner attended a grant workshop and more information will be shared soon. Arielle reviews a trail walking map she drew up after exploring the Camp Harrington property. She talks about the possibility of a boardwalk area where a walking loop could be placed. Mark gives some further details into the area. Claudine asks if a boardwalk would require liability insurance. Eric will ask Colin from GWLT. Resident Elaine Jones asks if it is possible to have a walking trail that loops the property. Arielle states it is a possibility. Ali suggests looking into a grant for a park designer to get a plan for the area. Eric will ask the Town Planner. Crystal asks when the land will be cleared out. Mark states that work has been started. Claudine states there will also need to be room for a parking lot. Eric would like the committee to have a meeting with the town planner to review the grant process. Mark mentioned Parks & Rec. should have a representative on the master planning board. Claudine volunteered to join as Arielle isn't able to keep up the obligation.

Coordinator update

Crystal discusses that the community garden beds need to be built and soil ordered. Memorial Day crafts have been ordered, advertising of the Memorial Day car parade, we now have a 2021 state parking pass, planning a Mr. Vinny bubble show, town wide yard

sale, and a few other summer events. Ali asks if we can hire a maintenance person to do some maintenance projects that are needed.

Pickleball

Mark Anttila will be lining the pickleball playing area at Center Courts. He will submit for a reimbursement for the supplies from the US Pickleball Association. Once it is lined a playing schedule will be set. Mark states interest has increased in pickleball. Claudine suggests hosting a demonstration during Memorial Day. Mark will work on planning a demo. CRystal will advertise to the Parks & Rec email list and on social media.

Ali Makes a motion to end the meeting at 7:37pm, Arielle seconds, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Crystal Daher
Program Coordinator