

MINUTES
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
June 22, 2016

PRESENT: Chairman Joseph Schettino, Commissioners Harry Swaun, Michael Sutyla, Robert Karcich, Julie Mendez, Robert Potter

Absent: Ronald Stopkoski, Robert Neri

Guests: Peter Neff, William Aniskovich

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Minutes:

A motion was made by H. Swaun, seconded by R. Karcich to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2016 regular meeting as submitted. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 in favor and 1 abstention (M. Sutyla).

A motion was made by M. Sutyla, seconded by J. Mendez to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2016 special meeting as submitted. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 in favor and 1 abstention (H. Swaun).

Correspondence: None

Sub-Committee Reports: None

Old Business: Action Items:

Town Beach Improvements:

- The new playground equipment has been installed and well received by beach goers
- The area was regraded and new sand spread
- Additional signage will be installed
- All the equipment has been repaired, inspected and certified
- DPW installed a drain eliminating and correcting last year's problem with the splash pad
- The beach is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. while lifeguards are on duty – the splash pad is open during this time only
- Beach passes cost per vehicle: \$20 for residents, \$10 for senior residents and \$25 for non-residents
- Discussed the property owned by R. Bovich

Sailing Club:

- Alan Felgate has completed everything except
 - DPW will grade an area to store the boats
 - A storage facility (temporary trailer or P. Neff suggested a dock box chained to the kayak racks) needs to be situated to house the rudders and center boards
- The Sailing Club has their own insurance
- This is a non-profit self-supporting club handling their own registration and insurance with permission from the Park and Recreation to store and launch boats and install three (3) anchors along the beach head
- It may come under Park and Recreation later
- A list of Sailing Club members will be given to the gate keeper, allowing access to those registered without a pass
- The launch area/sailing area is near the kayak racks
- The swimming area is delineated with buoys

Steap Grant:

- W. Aniskovich investigated the possibility of constructing lockers under the home side bleachers
- When the home side bleachers are built to be ADA compliant, even reducing the number of rows to (8) eight they will be within 6 feet of the bottom of the press box window (possibly blocking the commentator's view)
- The amount of time the locker rooms will be used compared to the projected cost is not an expense/benefit smart proposal
- The concession stand proposal was revised to eliminate the locker rooms
- This project will be handled by the Municipal Building Committee
- The existing ramp cannot be used on the visitor bleachers

A motion was made by M. Sutyla, seconded by R. Karcich to accept the proposal as submitted by The WBA Group:

- A. Park Building: renovate concession area, expand restroom facility, enlarge septic system \$222,000
- B. New Home Side Bleachers (750 seats): Remove existing bleachers, install new ADA complaint bleachers \$207,500
- C. Renovate Visitors Side Bleachers: install handicap ramp and seating \$20,700
- D. Pavilion: construct new pavilion including pavement \$30,500

and J. Schettino will send a letter to the Municipal Building Committee outlining and defining the proposal . The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by M. Sutyla, seconded by R. Karcich to appoint J. Mendez and R. Neri as the Park and Recreation Commission representatives to the Municipal Building Committee for the Steap Grant project. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

The July meeting is cancelled; therefore the next regular meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission is scheduled for August 2, 2016.

Directors Report:

- The fields will be closed at the end of July and will reopen on August 15, 2016
- R. Potter has the authorization to close the fields after a discussion with P. Neff
- The Peters basketball court has been refinished and the IRCC court will be refinished
- The fiscal year 2015-2016 budget is ending with a balance; line item transfers were made
- The Prorec software will go live on July 1, 2016 and is able to process credit cards for registrations
- P. Neff reported on the baseball field update/care

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy McDermott
Clerk