

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
AMENDED MINUTES
March 5, 2019

PRESENT: Chairman Joseph Schettino, Commissioners, Julie Mendez, Ron Stopkoski, Robert Neri, Mike Sutyla, Robert Karcich

Absent: Harry Swaun

Also present: Director Robert Potter, Clerk Kelley Nichols

Guests: Keith Johnson, Creighton Johnson, Bob Urban, Matt Fragola, Susan Collins, John Onsi?, David Dikranian, Amy King, Jon Holecz, Robin Sorey, Kathy Perry, Chris Williams, Christine Elder, Kelley Edwards and Chris Aniskovich

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Minutes:

- A motion was made by M. Sutyla and seconded by J. Mendez to table the minutes of the regular meeting on October 2, 2018 and the minutes of the special meeting on October 2, 2018. The motion was carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Schedule Fields/Facilities for spring and summer:

- A motion to move scheduling to forefront was made by M. Sutyla and seconded by R. Neri. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Targeting opening fields April 3, 2019; weather dependent.
- Suggested the youth organizations try not to schedule a lot home games in the beginning of the season.
- All youth organizations should have a copy of the rain policy. Commission expects any organization utilizing the fields to strictly and internally enforce the rain policy.
- Each youth organization must remind each coach that they must sign the DPW and P&R Field Maintenance Form. They should not be using any field without signing the Maintenance Form.
- All Schedules are approved through the commission initially. After that, they are approved through the Director or Park & Recreation.
- Any schedules are subject to the scholastic schedules. If the school games are cancelled due to weather, it could impact the youth organizations' schedules.
- The commission notified the organizations that a federal statute has passed that may make volunteer coaches mandatory reporters of child abuse and neglect. They suggested the organizations and national organizations look into this to see how/if it will affect them.
- A motion was made to approve Seaside's field request, subject to the scholastic schedule was made by M. Sutyla and seconded by R. Stopkoski. The motion was carried unanimously.
- A motion to approve all scholastic home games as a block with practices approved by the director of parks & rec was made by R. Stopkoski and seconded by J. Mendez. The motion was approved with one abstention by R. Karcich.
- A motion to move youth organization requests to the April 2, 2019 commission meeting was made by R. Stopkoski and seconded by J. Mendez. The motion was carried unanimously.
- The Commission strongly urged the youth organizations to work out their discrepancies with each other prior to the April 2, 2019 meeting and we suggested if youth organizations haven't filed an application for the use of school fields that they do so before April.

- Every youth organizations' insurance certificate must be submitted to Sally O'Brien by April 1st, if using the schools' fields.
- Due to the number of field requests and the number of conflicts among them, a discussion took place about possibly having to come up with a minimum number of Clinton residents per roster in order to approve a field request.
- Motion was made by R. Stopkoski and seconded by J. Mendez that all updated game schedules, reasonable practice schedules, certificates of insurance and rosters with addresses be submitted to the Parks & Rec department by March 22nd. The motion was carried unanimously.
- After dismissing the majority of the youth organizations, the meeting continued to allow the commission to approve/deny requests for IRRRC baseball field and Victory soccer camp
- A motion to approve Babe Ruth's request at IRRRC baseball by R. Stopkoski and seconded by J. Mendez. The motion was carried unanimously.
- A motion was made to approve the use of the field by 40+ Men's Baseball as amended at meeting (4/14, 4/28, 6/2, 6/9 and 6/23) with the removal of May 19th day by R. Karcich 2nd by M. Sutyla. The motion was carried unanimously.
- A motion to table Clinton Huskies field request to the April 2, 2019 was made by R. Stopkoski and seconded by J. Mendez. The motion was carried unanimously.
- A motion to approve 30+ Men's Soccer to use IRRRC #2 on Sundays from 8-12 from 4/7 to 7/7 by R. Stopkoski and seconded by J. Mendez subject to the submission of a specific schedule and approved by director. The motion was carried unanimously.
- A motion to approve Victory Soccer Camp from July 29-August 2, 2019 on IRRRC #2 from 9am-4pm was made by M. Sutyla and seconded by R. Stopkoski. The motion was carried unanimously.
- A discussion took place about asking the summer camps for a contribution to the Parks and Rec department for use of their fields.

STEAP Grant:

- The P & R Director reported that the balance of funds remaining is less than what was originally stated by the prior Director of Public Works.
- Installation of new bleachers went out to bid and the bids have come back with which we have some questions or concerns.
- A discussion took place about the possibility of the Commission taking control of the remainder of the grant or, before the funds are expended, ensuring that the commission has considerable input into the decision making process.
- A motion was made by R. Stopkoski and seconded by J. Mendez to authorize R. Potter and J. Schettino to have a peer review conducted. The motion was carried unanimously.
- A motion was made by R. Stopkoski and seconded by R. Neri to authorize up to \$500 from the interest in the Ethel Peters' bank account to pay for a peer review; using special projects money if needed for any remaining costs. The motion was carried unanimously.

Freedom of Information and Charter Compliance Issues:

- Currently in compliance

Policy – Peters Concession Stand:

- A motion was made by R. Stopkoski and seconded by M. Sutyla to table the review of the Peters' Concession Stand Rules for the May 7, 2019 meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.

CEC – Update on Presentation:

- Nothing new

Election of Officers:

- A motion was made by R. Stopkoski and seconded by R. Karcich to table the Election of Officers for the April 2, 2019 meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.

New Walking Trail:

- Nothing new to discuss

Marking Existing Trails:

- Nothing new to discuss

Next P & R Meeting:

- Will be held April 2, 2019

New Business

- A motion was made by R. Stopkoski and seconded by J. Mendez to add Field closures to new business. The motion was carried unanimously.
- A motion was made by R. Stopkoski and seconded by R. Karcich that any field closures are subject to the Director of Parks and Recreation's discretion and that all fields will not be closed for 2 weeks this year. The motion was withdrawn to be reconsidered at the April 2nd meeting after a discussion took place.
- The Director stated that Todd Hajek, the Assistant Director of Public Works will be at the April meeting and Mr. Potter suggested the commission talk to him about field closures at that time.
- A discussion was had about the state possibly banning of turf fields and how it may/may not affect our turf field. The ban shouldn't affect our field because it will be for new fields only and for a different type of turf field.

Director's Report:

- The Director and the chairman met with the Board of Finance regarding Parks and Recreation budget.
- The Director met with DPW regarding the sight work and is hoping to get their checklist on the work that was done by May at the latest.
- The Director met with R. Stopkoski re: extending protective netting at the turf field on the right side. The gate will be moved around the corner to make room for net. Money will be donated through Clinton Lacrosse for this and very hopeful no money will have to come from Parks & Recreation.
- The Chamber has moved the Town fireworks to August 31st. The Director will clarify the exact time the beach will need to shut down.
- CISA mandatory reporting may impact our programs for the fall. Soccer asked Parks & Rec to send the info to the town council for review to see if it will impact our soccer program and their volunteers and whether or not we will have to provide a mandated training for any volunteers.

M. Sutyla made a motion, seconded by R. Neri to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelley Nichols

Clerk