

MINUTES
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
January 11, 2022

PRESENT: Chairman J. Schettino, Commissioners R. Stopkoski, J. Mendez, C. Passante, R. Karcich, G. Maher

Absent: M. Sutyla

Also present: R. Potter

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Guests: None

Approval of minutes of November 9, 2021:

- A motion was made by R. Stopkoski, seconded by J. Mendez to approve the November 9, 2021 minutes as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Harry Swaun Memorial Pavilion and Plaza:

- In the spring, the Rotary Club will purchase two picnic tables for the pavilion

New Business:

Beach concession stand:

- Invite the concessionaire to the February meeting

Review of Park and Recreation policies and procedures:

- These will be reviewed at the February meeting

Election of officers:

A motion was made by C. Passante, seconded by R. Karcich to add election of officers for 2022 to the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

- A motion was made by R. Karcich, seconded by C. Passante to elect J. Schettino as Chairman and R. Stopkoski as Vice Chairman. The motion carried unanimously.

Establish groups to review areas:

- Pairs of commissioners will evaluate the facilities (Town beach, IRRC, and Peters Complex/Eliot field) to develop a list of repairs needed and recommended upgrades
 - This list will be reviewed at the April meeting (pictures of items needing repairs are optional)
- Town Beach will be evaluated by: R. Stopkoski and J. Mendez
- IRRC will be evaluated by: G. Maher and C. Passante
- Peters Complex and Eliot field will be evaluated by: M. Sutyla and R. Karcich

A motion was made by R. Karcich, seconded by R. Stopkoski to add Directors Report to the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Directors Report:

- A committee (private entity) wants to establish a "Hall of Fame" at the Morgan School
 - This committee asked R. Potter to be on their Board of Directors
- He has been explaining to the residents the purpose of the Public Hearing on the Future of the Skate Park
- A proposal has been made to close the fields for the winter dependent on the weather
- The Town Beach basketball hoop has been installed
- A price for a new roof is being researched

- Discussed the need to repair the crack in the basketball court at Peters Complex
 - It is becoming a big safety issue
- Park and Recreation programs are running, but not at full capacity
- The 2022-2023 budget will be reviewed with the Town Manager this month (waiting for a scheduled date)
 - From the Town Manager it then goes to the Town Council
- Discussed the ARPA funds
 - There is a public hearing scheduled for Wednesday, January 12, 2022 to get residents' input on this topic
- Explained the ARF Account and the purpose of it being “programs supporting other programs”

A motion was made by R. Stopkoski, seconded by J. Mendez to adjourn the regular meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy McDermott
Clerk