

MINUTES  
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
May 3, 2022

PRESENT: Chairman J. Schettino, Commissioners R. Stopkoski, R. Karcich, G. Maher and C. Passante (arrived 7:19 p.m.)

Also present: R. Potter

Guest: P. Geuber

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Approval of Regular March 1, 2022 meeting minutes and Special April 12, 2022 meeting minutes:

- A motion was made by R. Stopkoski, seconded by G. Maher to table the approval of the March 1, 2022 and April 12, 2022 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

Field Scheduling:

- All the conflicts with the baseball schedule have been worked out

Naming the IRRC baseball field:

- The Policies and Procedures subcommittee will address field dedications/namings when making their revisions

Report on Ethel Peters Complex condition:

- R. Karcich and M. Sutyla will report on the condition of the Ethel Peters Complex at the June meeting

Review of Park and Recreation Policies and Procedures:

- The revised Policies and Procedures will be reviewed at the June meeting

New Business:

Turf Field:

- A walk through of the 11 year-old turf field will be done to assess the field's condition

Director's Report:

New Field:

- The new field is complete; turf growth, irrigation and new lights installed
- At this time, it will be named Peter's Field #7

Skate Park:

- The skate park has been kept cleaner; however, there has been more graffiti
- A request to turn the lights on has been made
  - Lights will be turned on from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. 6 days a week

Concession Stand:

- All the concession stand conditions requested by the Park and Recreation Commission were approved by the Town Council
- repairs will be done prior to opening up the stand
- The Town Council will vote on the concessionaire on May 4, 2022

Scoreboard Issues:

- There have been surges which kick off all the scoreboards; the lights are not affected
- All the breakers have to be reset in order to turn the scoreboards back on

Football scoreboard:

- The football scoreboard is 30 years old and a replacement in the near future should be considered
- The commission should see if there is any interest in starting a committee to handle a scoreboard fund raiser
  - R. Potter will be the liaison to this committee
- A football scoreboard costs between \$30,000 to \$50,000 depending on the type

Press Booth Roof:

- The flat roof has been installed at a cost of approximately \$20,000

Town Dock:

- Two more boat racks have been installed at the town dock
  - The new racks are already spoken for and full
- There is room for one more rack at the beach
  - Installation of this rack will be determined later

New Clerk:

- The new part time clerk is in place and working out well

Summer Staff:

- The summer staff is in place; however, there is a lifeguard shortage
- A lifeguard has to have a certification
  - The Park and Recreation pays for lifeguards' recertifications
  - They discussed a possible incentive program which will reimburse lifeguards for their certification costs
    - Half reimbursement after their first season, the other half after their second season
  - A motion was made by R. Stopkoski, seconded by R. Karcich to approve the incentive program which will reimburse lifeguards half of their certification cost at the end of each season (2 years). The motion carried unanimously.

Beach Rules and Regulations:

- The rules were submitted for reviewed and approved by R. Potter
- Two signs will be installed at the beach this week

Sail Club:

- The number of boats on the premise continues to increase and the space allotted to the Sail Club is becoming crowded
  - This should be reviewed by the commissioners and addressed

Town Beach:

- Repairs identified in the subcommittee's report are being made

Budget:

- An insurance check was received for the repairs/replacement of the press booth's roof
- A grant has been applied for to repair/ upgrade the old bathhouse and pavilion at the Town Beach
- The 2021-2022 budget was reviewed and discussed

Harry Swaun Pavilion:

- The picnic tables have been delivered
- DPW would like to meet with the commission to discuss the sidewalk, brickwork and stone for the Harry Swaun Pavilion
  - Scheduling a special meeting to be held at the Pavilion at 7:30 a.m. was suggested

A motion was made by R. Stopkoski, seconded by R. Karcich to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy McDermott  
Clerk