

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting - December 6, 2023, 7:00 PM

Village Courtroom, 169 Mount Pleasant Avenue, Mamaroneck, NY 10543

Attendees: Tim O'Connor, Randi Robinowitz, Eric Williams, Brittany Ross, Carlo Reca, Karrie Sergio, Jarrett Winchester, and Dan Margoshes

Present: Jason Pinto, Manny Rawlings, Tina Maresca (former PRC chair)

Absent: Kristen Barnard

Opening:

Karrie asked for a motion to open the meeting, Brittany made a motion, and Tim seconded. Introductions were made and a new chair, vice chair, and secretary were nominated and voted on by the commission. Randi nominated Dan Margoshes as chair, Carlo seconded, all in favor. Randi nominated Tim O'Connor as vice chair, Eric seconded, all in favor. Karrie will remain on as secretary.

Tim asked for a motion to approve the November minutes, Brittany made a motion, Eric seconded, all in favor.

Parks & Recreation Master Plan:

Jason reiterated that they are looking for commission members to send in their big-picture wish list items for the master plan. They are looking for any facility improvements to our parks. Some suggestions made were uniform signage at all of our parks and the addition of lighting.

Parks and Recreation Update:

Manny stated at their October BOT meeting, departments came with capital items that they wanted to be approved. For the PRC, renovating Florence Park was approved, and at Harbor Island they approved the sprayground to be expanded and updated, and the pavilion. They are hoping to meet with Fields for Kids (FFK) in January to work with them to update the playground and fields. It was mentioned that there needs to be better planning because everything has a shelf life and it is important to earmark monies for the parks department for the upkeep and improvement of our parks, but there is a process to do that. It was asked about the status of the playground at Orienta since a group last came to present their ideas for its renovation. Jason said Jeff met with them but they were not in agreement about the size and scale. Eric is on the Orienta Point Association (OPA) and explained that there are residents who support the replacement and are willing to raise monies for it, working with the Village, but the idea is to replace what's there now plus swings, not what was presented to us. It was suggested to get Harbor Island Conservancy involved with FFK to do both the HIP playground and the Orienta playground.

Jason said the Turkey Trot was a success with over 1000 runners and the holiday event is coming up this weekend. They are working on their calendar, permits, budget, and camp. It was briefly discussed that, if possible, there should be a code enforcement officer at the Harbor included in the budget.

It was asked if there was any update yet on the dog bite incident at the Bark Park; what happened, who is responsible for dealing with it, and what are the consequences when something like that happens? Does the resident still have a job? According to Manny, they do. If we have rules that are not being followed/enforced and there are no consequences then there is no point in them. Still no update on what actually happened. It was also asked if we were done spending money on the dog park other than maintenance. The parking lot next to the dog park is going to be paved but that's it. There was also one donated bench which is on order.

Closing:

Brittany made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Tim seconded, meeting adjourned. The next meeting is on January 3, 2024.