

**Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting - November 9, 2023, 7:00 PM**

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

Attendees: Tina Maresca, Kristen Barnard, Tim O'Connor, Kristen Vetter, Eric Williams, Brittany Ross, Randi Robinowitz, Karrie Sergio, and Carlo Reza via Zoom

Present: Jason Pinto, Jeff Ahne, Manny Rawlings

**Opening:**

Tina made a motion to open the meeting, and Karrie seconded. Tina stated we need to hold agenda item 1, Parks & Rec Master Plan, since Jerry was not in attendance. Commission members should email recommendations for the parks ASAP to be included in the master plan to be presented to the BOT at an upcoming meeting.

**FY 24-25 Recreation Department Fee Schedule Review:**

Jason went over the fee schedule. Notable changes made were to the field fees, management asked for an increase to the rental facility fees, and seasonal beach passes had an increase but the daily rate remained the same. Jason stated they decided to add on 10<sup>th</sup> grade for camp, they had requests for it, and plan to travel a lot with them. The commission discussed the camp fees and the proposed rate increases. It was suggested that the older grades rate increase be more than the younger grades, not less. It was asked if the rate increases would allow the Village to increase the pay rate for camp counselors to be more attractive to get counselors to work. Jason said they figured into it and will be able to pay them a minimum wage of \$15/hr. The same camp discounts are in place as last year. Tina asked for a motion to approve the fee schedule changes to the camp fees, Kristen made a motion, and Brittany seconded, all in favor.

**Parks and Recreation Update:**

Jeff stated they are on to fall, mulching parks, doing leaves, and are going to be setting up for the holidays soon. The holiday event is going to be a walk-through on pavilion field this year. It will be a weekend event, December 9-10, with Santa, the candy cane run, and tree lighting. Jason stated they have the turkey trot coming up with about 700+ people registered so far.

It was asked about an update on where we stand with Fields for Kids. Jeff stated they need to decide on when they can all sit down and talk. Kristen confirmed FFK has gone down to the Harbor to take a look at things to see what can be done. They are going to set something up.

It was suggested that there needs to be better checks and balances at the Bark Park because the attendant doesn't have a list of who has a fob and there needs to be better enforcement to prevent people from letting in others who do not have a fob. Jason said the attendant is done and we don't know if they are going to bring an attendant back, it may not be cost effective. It was asked if there is an update on the dog bite incident at the Bark Park. Manny said he could ask the police department. There were trees planted in the Bark Park, 4 sweet gums and 4 oaks, and the WJWW donated two painted fire hydrants that will be installed in the Bark Park.

The county started work at the pier in the middle of September and they plan on being done with the building out of the outside walls in December.

Tina asked if everyone had a chance to review the minutes, and minor grammatical changes were suggested. Karrie made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, and Randi seconded, all in favor. It was asked just to clarify what was meant, as noted in the minutes, by Jerry saying he thinks our process should be flipped. Manny explained that if there is an idea that the commission would like to discuss it should be brought to the BOT before we pursue it further so we do not waste our time. Also noted in the minutes was a request for suggestions to change the PRC mission statement to incorporate everything park-related. New mission statement suggestion: "Our mission is to inspire and create a sense of community through dynamic events and diverse programming suitable for all ages. We strive to develop and maintain our parks and recreation programs to enrich the quality of life for all residents and to preserve it for future generations."

**Closing:**

It is Tina and Kristen's last meeting and we thank them for their service on the PRC. New appointments will be announced at the Board's reorganization meeting next month. Tim made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Kristen seconded, meeting adjourned. Next meeting is December 6, 2023.