

Recreation Commission
Thursday, February 23, 2017
5:00pm

A meeting of the Recreation Commission was held Thursday, February 23, 2017 at the Youth Center located on Pike Street. The meeting was called to order at 5:05pm. The following were in attendance:

John Faggione, Director	Debbie Cunningham
Dawn Jones, Vice Chair	Noleen Casey-Tomasi
Mike Latini	Harry Tomasi- Youth Member
Gina Fitzpatrick, Liaison	

Absent:

Tom Hoppey
Erika Polanis
Brandy Figeroa
Mike McCarthy- Senior member
Amanda Sexton- Youth member

A motion to approve the minutes and report from January was made by Debbie and seconded by Dawn. All those in favor:

Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Absent: 3

Public Comment: None

New Business

John reviewed what the current rental fees are at Riverside Park. John asked the Commission if they would like to raise the fee and charge not for profit organizations. The rental fee is the lowest in the area. The income made does go into the city's general fund. They also require the facility to be cleaned, prepped, and garbage disposed of. It was suggested that not for profit organizations, excluding Churches that are conducting outreach events, that will use the park less than three times will be charged \$75/use. Not for profit organizations that plan to use the facility more than three times can pay a seasonal rate of \$250. The fee will cover garbage pickup, cleaning of bathrooms, cut grass, and field being prepped. A motion to keep the current rate for private parties and add the additional rates for not for profit organizations was made by Debbie and seconded by Noleen. All those in favor:

Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Absent: 3

Three years ago there was a beach attendant at West End Beach that charged nonresident \$5 per car for those going to use the beach on the weekend. A motion to charge nonresidents \$5/car, for any parking reasons, on the weekends (and July 4th) to park was made by Noleen and seconded by Mike. All those in favor:

Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Absent: 3

John reviewed the facility use requests. The Christian Motorcycle Association would like to use Riverside Park on 5/6 to end their motorcycle rally. The Port Jervis Little League would like to use various playgrounds and parks to hold practices from April through July. John will talk to them about scheduling conflicts. The Tri State Angels would like to use Riverside Park for three different weekends (5/20-21, 5/26-28, and 6/10-11). The Tri State Angels have already provided a certificate of insurance. May 20 is not available- Tri-State Angels were notified. The Red Hawks, a 50/70 traveling youth baseball league, would like to use Riverside Park to play and practice. John read the letter that the Red Hawks sent to the Commission. In order for them to play- alterations will need to be made to the current field at Riverside. The Red Hawks will pay for all of the equipment and renovations required. Volunteers working on the field will have to complete Hold Harmless paperwork. John will contact DPW to keep them informed. A motion to approve the facility requests was made by Mike and seconded by Debbie. All those in favor:
Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Absent: 3

The 1st Assembly of God has requested to use several Recreation facilities. They would like to use Riverside Park to co-sponsor the summer outdoor movie nights. The church would also like to use the park for a Back to School Bash which is open to the community. On 10/31 they would like to host a Greet and Treat in Church Street Park from 5:30-9:00 on 4/8 and 10/7 from 10am-12noon the church would like to use the Youth Center for their clothing giveaway. A motion to approve the facility requests was made by Dawn and seconded by Noleen. All those in favor:
Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Absent: 3

Soapbox Derby has requested the use of the 2nd floor at the Youth Center for registrations on 3/1 and 3/5. A motion to approve the use of the building was made Debbie and seconded by Noleen.

The Youth Basketball League play-offs will be Saturday 2/25 at 1:30. Their final game is scheduled for 3/1. Cops and Kids Game is scheduled for 3/4 at ASK Gym at 10am. We are seeking a donation to be made to the PJ/Deerpark Humane Society in lieu of an admission fee.

4H has requested to use the building for meetings. A motion to approve the use was made by Debbie and seconded by Noleen. All in favor:
Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Absent: 3

The Runner's Club will be on the 1st Monday of each month at the Youth Center.

John gave the update on the attendance in the Rec Room and for Teen Night.

The sleigh riding hill has been open. There have been a few issues with kids trying to snowboard.

John gave the dates of the Summer Program field trips. They are as follows:

4/22- Mohegan Sun Pocono Casino

7/12- Circle Line Tour

7/19 – Mets Game

7/28 – Dorney Park

John anticipates tickets selling quickly so if anyone is interested please buy soon.

The Summer Program will start June 26 and will run 7 weeks and end August 11th. The 3 on 3 basketball tournament may be scheduled for the last week of July. John will check with Cory Popollo.

West End Beach will open (weather and river conditions permitting) June 16- August 20.

The Triathlon is scheduled for August 6th.

Old Business

The RFP, submitted by Starcroft, is on the agenda for approval. The contract is still being worked on. Only 1 RFP was submitted. The agreement is that they will run the events and the Recreation Department will assist in facilitating the event.

Everything that John submitted for Capital Note funds was approved with the exception of the LED scrolling board and the UTV.

John would like to use funds from the Major Projects Fund to purchase a UTV to maintain the trail system and use by Recreation personnel. John is going to ask Jack Farr to help with locating a good model. A motion to approve the purchase of a UTV in the area of \$15,000 was made by Noleen and seconded by Debbie. All those in favor:

Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Absent: 3

The snow tubing field trip went very well. The Mohegan Sun Casino trip went well. John has scheduled a return trip to the casino in April due to the great response.

The Outdoor Club is now a 5013c and not a part of the Recreation Department or City. The purpose of this club is to be stewards of the trails and to advertise and promote them.

Securetel, a security business in Long Island, is donating 14 computers and 7 monitors to the Recreation Department.

Youth Report

Harry gave a review of the winter sports and the upcoming events in the school.

Recreation Administration personnel news

John indicated that the Orange County Director of Parks, Recreation and Conservation position is open. John has submitted his resume for consideration. As of right now he has not been contacted, but he will keep the Commission and the City updated.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40pm was made by Dawn and seconded by Noleen. All in favor:

Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Absent: 3

**NEXT MEETING:
Wednesday, March 15, 2017- 7:00 pm**

