

Minutes from August 17, 2023 Recreation Commission Meeting. The meeting was held at 7pm at MCConville Park.

In attendance were Chair Jeff Amato, Commission members Matt DeGraff, James Curley-Egan, Leslie Leonard, Eric Tipler, Events Coordinator Lillian Moser and Mayor Kathleen Foley.

Applications

1. Philipstown HUB - Overdose Awareness Event- August 31st 6:15-8:15 pm - Bandstand. This event has been approved. Events Coordinator Moser informed the Commission that because of another commitment she would not be available for the end of the event. Matt DeGraff volunteered to handle the breakdown.
2. Dan & Sarah Connell - Birthday Party with bouncy house - September 23rd 1pm-6pm - Mayor's Park Pavilion. The Rec Commission approved the event pending the completion of the repairs at Mayor's Park.
3. Dan Connell - Soccer Social - October 1st 1pm-7pm - Mayor's Park Pavilion and Fields. Haldane has been sent this application to approve the use of the fields since this event falls into the Haldane IMA agreement. The Rec Commission approved the use of the Pavilion pending the completion of the repairs at Mayor's Park.

Other Business

The Minutes from the July 20th meeting were approved.

Mayor Foley informed the Rec Commission that the temporary repairs to Mayor's Park are close to completion.

Putnam County engineers will be on site to do a structural assessment.

Due to the sinkhole and the undermining, Parking may need to be limited at Mayor's Park.

A Local Soccer league has reached out about using Mayor's Park. They have been put in touch with Haldane.

Due to the issues with Mayor's Park and the Haldane IMA, Volleyball may move to Dockside.

Discussion was brought up that a calendar is needed to have an in depth schedule of all Rec Commission events as well as Haldane schedule and other leagues or groups using Mayor's Park. The Events Coordinator will work with the Deputy Village Clerk to develop the calendar.

The Events Coordinator will also develop procedures on how applications will be handled during the Haldane IMA agreement.

An Eagle Scout has approached Commission Chair Amato about making a Picnic Table/Chess/Checkers table for the waterfront park. The Eagle Scout is still in the early stages of development for this project.

Mayor Foley brought up taking down the fence along Haldane Street at McConville Park. All the Rec Commission members were in favor of the removal.

Mayor Foley informed the Commission that the State Funding Cycle begins in June and that they should begin to look at ideas to ask assistance for.

Mayor Foley discussed the Fjord Trail and the importance of showing that Dockside Space is meaningful and useful to the Village. Our agreement with the State ends in 2028 and the Dockside Connection could be seen as a great thing or a disaster for us. We are in an awkward position and we need to be at the table. Village residents have recently been appointed to serve on the Data Review Committee.

Even though the Commission is focusing on a Dog Park at Mayor's Park, maybe one at Dockside should be considered. Fencing quotes for Mayor's Park came in at somewhere around \$6,000-\$9,000. Thoughts were brought up about maybe having 2 parks since so many dog owners are used to going to the Dockside property.

The Rec Commission is looking at new plantings for McConville Park. The Girls Scout have offered to help with mulching.

Mayor Foley would like the Rec Commission to take the reins when it comes to Community Day.

Mayor Foley also spoke on how she would like to see the Village have its own 501c3 named Friends of Cold Spring Public Spaces. Chair Amato is concerned that the Tots Park 501c3 may have lapsed.

Matt DeGraff asked about the Marathon Property. The zoning has been recently changed to Multi Use with both Housing and Office Space. There must also be some Public Space provided. Mayor Foley suggested that the Rec Commission invite Mr. Kearny to a meeting to discuss it.

Mayor Foley also reported that the Town of Philipstown has hired a grants writer. The town has offered to allow the village to use the writer to help with ideas they might have.

Finally the commission did a walk through of McConville Park to discuss the placement of the Bocce court, Butterfly Garden and other ideas they might have. One question that was brought up was the need for bathroom facilities for the Tots Park.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted by L. Moser