

Minutes from June 15, 2023 Recreation Commission Meeting. The meeting was held at 7pm at Village Hall.

In attendance were Chair Jeff Amato, Commission members James Curley-Egan, Leslie Leonard, Matt DeGraaf, Events Coordinator Lillian Moser, and Ann Bouchard.

Applications

1. ABC Soup - Anniversary Party- 7/30/23

The Event Coordinator made a note that this application was just received and she was not given the opportunity to properly vet it. Chair Amato understood the Event Coordinator concerns but noted that in order for this to get proper approval from the Village Board in enough time it must be voted on tonight. The application was approved pending the insurance certificate and once it was officially vetted by the Event Coordinator.

2. There is an application for a wedding at the bandstand on October 21st. This application has been tabled until Ann Bouchard gets some clarification from the applicant.

Bandstand and Waterfront Park

The sketch of the bandstand that was done by Matt DeGraaf still needs to be added to the application when the other revisions are completed.

Mayor's Park

Dog Park and Permits: Looking into finding a Landscape Architect to donate some time to designing the Dog Park is a possibility. Initial research regarding fencing. With connecting to the existing fence it would take approximately 315-325 ft to fence in the area for a Dog Park in the northwest corner of Mayors Park. The cost of this would be around \$9,300.

Discussion was brought up on how the park would be regulated. There would need to be some sort of permit system with some Liability waiver. There was also a discussion about asking the Town if the Dog Warden could be used in some capacity. The Commission talked about approaching the Fjord Trail about putting the Dog Park at Dockside but they are hesitant about using time and not getting heard. There was also a concern about when the Village's stewardship of Dockside runs out in a few years and what would happen then.

The Commission is working on another picnic table for the pavilion area.

The Basketball Hoops have been brought up to the correct height. The padding in place and padding for the post have been ordered.

Leslie Leonard has spoken to a Nelsonville resident who is a Landscape Artist. She has stencils for the Basketball court and is in the process of creating Pickleball Stencils. Discussion was brought up and decided to wait to put the lines down until after the court is sealed next Spring.

The first Rec Commission League was beginning this weekend with Volleyball. Jeff Amato would be handling it for the Commission and coordinating with Gloria McVey.

James Curley-Egan will be reaching out about maybe having a Soccer League at the park.

Leslie Leonard will be hosting Yoga in the Park on Saturdays from 9am - 10am starting in July.

Cold Spring Generals 13u Baseball Team is in need of a larger field to practice on starting in August and going through the beginning of November. They have requested the use of Mayor's Park. Upon reviewing the agreement with Haldane the team would not be able to use the field. Jeff Amato will be discussing a possible amendment to the Haldane agreement.

Mayor Foley has asked the Commission to look into lawn care for Mayor's Park. Jeff Amato has reached out to two vendors and will be contacting a third.

McConville Park and the Patriot Garden

Matt DeGraaf will be looking into replacing the Hydrangea that has died in the Patriot Garden with something that is drought resistant. Discussion was also brought up about planting Mums for the Fall.

Other Business

Public Relations - A discussion was made about how the Rec Commission can get information out to the public about the upcoming Leagues and Events that they will be having. Jeff Amato was going to reach out to Deputy Mayor Woods regarding the Rec Commission having their own social media accounts or having it go through the Village's.

501c3 - Leslie Leonard attended a Friends of Philipstown Rec meeting and reported back that it was a very fruitful meeting. She talked about the 3 Major Fundraisers the Friends do throughout the year. (an appeal letter in the Fall, the Castle to River Run and the Winter Carnival). A member of the Village Rec Commission would become a Friends of Philipstown Board if the merger were to take place. A Special committee would then be made to just focus on Village recreation needs. Jeff Amato told the Commission that Mayor Foley seems receptive to this idea but it needs to go to the Village Attorney before it can move forward.

Comprehensive Plan - Jeff Amato sent members a Comp Plan to look over. It would be a very lengthy process but something that can be done. He is sending an outline for the members to look over prior to the next meeting.

An Eagle Scout Project for next year is a possibility. A scout is looking to make a picnic table with a chess/checkers board lay on the top. A design needs to be rendered first before anything else can proceed.

The Minutes from the May 18th meeting were approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by L. Moser