

Minutes from April 20, 2023 Recreation Commission Meeting. The meeting was held at 7pm at Village Hall.

In attendance were Chair Jeff Amato, Commission members James Curley-Egan, Matt DeGraaf, Eric Tipler, Events Coordinator Lillian Moser, Ann Bouchard and Stephen Etta.

Chair Amato presented a plaque to former Recreation Commission member Stephen Etta for almost 4 decades of service to the Village.

Eric Tipler introduced himself to the board.

Applications

1. Foundry Montessori School - April 28, 2023 - Bandstand

The Commission approved the application for Foundry Montessori School's International Day Celebration pending the Insurance Certificate. The Commission requested that the drive lane around the bandstand be closed off and for the school only to be charged the \$50 fee for the bandstand.

The Commission also asked that the applicant be reminded that the application needs to be handed in at least a month in advance.

2. Sarnelli Wedding - 8/2/23 - Bandstand

The Commission approved the application for the Sarnelli wedding. Again it was brought up that the drive lane around the bandstand be closed.

3. Bizzoco Wedding - 9/23/23 - Bandstand

The Commission approved the application for the Bizzoco wedding. They requested again that the drive lane be closed. They also question why the applicant asked for 4 hours? They also requested that the Event

Coordinator remind them of the possibility of the SeaStreak being there on that day.

Mayor Park's will be used for the Guardian Revival Event on 4/22/23.

Bandstand and Waterfront Park

The Recreation Commission agrees that the drive lane around the bandstand should be closed off at any time the bandstand is being used. When the applications are updated this should be addressed.

The Commission would also like a map of the bandstand area included in the application.

Mayor's Park

Dog Park and Permits: There was a recent issue of people and their dogs not leaving Mayor's Park when the Haldane baseball team came down. Chair Amato spoke to Haldane. There are concerns about people not cleaning up after their dogs and leaving bags of dog feces in the dugouts.

The Commission members agreed that the permit system needs to be updated. Chair Amato reported that there does not seem to be documentation on how many permits are issued and who has a permit.

Discussion was brought up on who enforces the permits.

It was determined that the Village needs a dog park. Dockside park is out of contention due the Fjord Trail. The Commission is looking at possibly creating a dog park in the NW corner of Mayor's Park behind the Pavillion. They realize it is the wettest spot down at Mayor's Park. It would need to be fenced in and rules would need to be established for its use.

The Basketball court has been resurfaced and looks great. The court should be sealed next year. The Commission is now looking at getting lines

on the court for Basketball, Pickleball and a ShuffleBoard court on the side. A moveable net and equipment will need to be purchased.

The Commission is looking at possibly holding an event at Mayor's Park to celebrate the new Basketball court and introducing the playing of Pickleball and Shuffleboard.

McConville Park

The Commission is still looking into a Bocce Court. They are also looking at this as a possible Eagle Scout project.

Other Business

501c3 - Chair Amato has spoken to both the Friends of Philipstown Recreation and the Tots Park.

The Friends of Philipstown Recreation thinks that the Village could possibly just be included in their organization and that funding can just be earmarked to the different parks.

The Commission is looking at what fundraising needs they may need.

The Town of Philipstown is looking at creating some new field off of Route 403 in the future.

The Minutes from the March 16th meeting were approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36pm.

Respectfully submitted by L. Moser