

Brooklyn Parks and Recreation Special Meeting

March 13, 2023

1. Call to Order: 7:00pm

Commission members present: Harry Adams,
Cliff Soucy, Mike Gaudreau, David Wilterdink, Deb Warren, Jim Warren, Drew
Dionne, Melissa Perkins-Banas

Also present: Renee Sangermano, Recreation Director

Austin Tanner, First Selectman

2. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from January Meeting

Motion made: 1st Harry Adams 2nd Jim Warren All in Favor

3. Public time none

4. Other Business

Family Day will be July 29th this Year. It will be a town wide event with Riverside park used for a concert and entertainer (sponsored by Jewett City Bank) as well as business and community groups such as girl scouts, boy scouts, little league and soccer and the senior center at different locations. There will be meetings to decide what to bring from the previous event to the new concept. A true community collaboration.

The Memorial Day event will continue with a parade and honoring our veterans.

5. Program Update

The Department is short staffed, the administrative assistant is retiring and the part-time employee is moving at the end of the month.

The hiring process will begin with applications approved by our HR and legal staff.

The Before and After School program is now fully staffed will several openings for students.

Registration for Spring events are online as well as advertised in the Turnpike buyer.

Credit cards will be accepted on the website shortly, as a lower rate was negotiated.

The tennis coach's clinic was cancelled due to weather, it will be rescheduled.

Open basketball was successful will 20-30 participants per session.

Spring break program is 50% full and the Resident trooper will be offering a bike rodeo that will be open to the public during that week.

Summer Basketball clinic will be held the last week of June, with two sessions a day.

Summer Camp will run July10th-August 18th, with returning camp leadership.

Appeal letters went out to business for the Jim Boyle Scholarship Fund.

A seasonal maintainer is in the process of being hired.

The top of a bench a Riverside Park was stolen, it was discussed that Little league may have put them in. Renee will contact the Little League.

There was some discussion on replacing Prince Hill bleachers.

The Budget is being worked on and will be ready in a few weeks.

Discussions:

The tennis courts need repair and lighting repair. The new tennis court funding was approved. The tennis courts will be relocated at Prince Hill and will have pickle ball lines, also.

Think about budgeting repair of restrooms at Prince Hill, including security.

6. Public Comment: none

7. Adjournment

7:34

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Respectfully submitted: Chris Boyle