

Brooklyn Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting

December 12, 2022

7:00pm

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

Recreation Director: Renee Sangermano

Also present: Austin Tanner, First Selectman

Absent: Steve Danna

1. Call to Order

7:00

2. Public Comment. A Little League representative presented a visual model of the dugout style the Little League would like to build at Riverside Park. The proposal was presented to The Recreation Director, Planning and Zoning, and the building inspector before the meeting. The proposed dugouts will be built on the existing slabs, and most of the work will be volunteer, supervised by a licensed builder. The Commission would like to discuss the proposal as well as the director's ideas and get back to the Little league by the January meeting.

3. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of November Meeting

Motion made: 1st Cliff Soucy 2nd Harry Adams All in Favor

4. Directors Report

a. Programs Update

The director attended-GP Red think tank conference, and the CT State Conference- Renee was able to collaborate with colleagues and discuss current issues and moving into the future.

The Spring /Summer brochure is being worked on with the Library and Senior center collaborating.

Before and After School wait list is being called to keep up enrollment. There is a balancing of staff, with new scheduling hours in place.

Open gym has begun, with low numbers. If the numbers don't pick up, there will be a Plan B, Pickle Ball.

The Post Office will no longer be participating in the drawing/coloring contest. The drawing/coloring that has been submitted will be hung in the Clifford B Green Building.

There are 15 participants entering in the lighting contest.

The toy drive will service 47 families and 117 children. Setup and distribution dates were discussed.

Back ground check forms for volunteers and employees is being reviewed by CIRMA.

The software proposed, will be paid for within the current budget for a ½ year. It will allow 24 hour registration and credit card payments.

b. Parks Update

There was a meeting with the Public Works on snow removal. A plan was agreed upon. It was brought up that the sidewalks were not plowed. Due to lack of filled positions, the sidewalks will be completed last.

Work request forms have been completed and distributed.

5. Old Business

Discussion was held under Program Update

6. Other Business

Motion made: the meeting dates in 2023, for The Parks and Recreation Commission, will be the 2nd Monday of every month starting January 9, 2023.

1st: Cliff Soucy 2nd David Wilterdink All in Favor

7. Public Comment: none

8. Adjournment

7:44pm

Motion made: 1st Cliff Soucy 2nd David Wilterdink All in Favor

Next meeting January 9, 2023

Respectfully submitted: Chris Boyle