

# Brooklyn Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting

November 14, 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. none

## 3. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of October Meeting

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

## 4. Directors Report

### a. Parks Update

Fall clean-up is continuing with the assistance of other town departments

Moving forward if the Park Maintainer needs to be borrowed by other departments, the Director will need to be consulted first, and a form filled out. This process is being implemented to track accurate time and usage of the Park Maintainer by other departments.

The vacant part time maintainer position will not be filled until the spring according to Mr. Tanner.

**b. Program Update**

There are 60 children enrolled in the Before and After school program. There have been staff changes, but substitutes have been hired to cover absences.

The New Your trip is full.

Adult Basketball has been delayed until the November 29th.

The Toy drive donation letters went out.

Set up for the Distribution of the Toys will be Wednesday December 14th 8:30 to 5:00. Distribution will be December 15th 6pm to 8pm, and December 16th 10am to 12.

April- DEEP will be offering a lured fish program

The contractor vs employee agreements are being reviewed as there is some gray area.

A new law is in effect that will require background checks of volunteers and employees. Money will have to be budgeted for this as well as a policy developed.

A recreation management program was proposed. The cost is 4800.00 per year. It would facilitate accuracy reporting, day to day operations, and is compatible with the current software used.

**5. Old Business**

**a. 2022 FEARgrounds Update**

The projected income from the event was 25,000

The actual income was 24,020.

Mike Gaudreau sincerely thanked all the people in the room for making FEARgrounds a success.

He thanked Mortlake and East Brooklyn for their services  
The Food Vendors gave positive feedback  
Sunday's clean-up had many volunteers too.

The Recreation director plans to post a Volunteer form on  
Facebook for those interested in volunteering next year.  
Planning will begin in January

## **6. Other Business**

Funds were approved to move the Tennis Courts to Prince Hill.  
Renee will begin to get pricing

Renee will also get pricing for upgrades to South Street Park. The former price did not include installations. She would like to ask the residents what they would want in a park, before they design the park.

Renee would also like to look into playground equipment that would address cognitive areas as well as physical limitations in residents.

The Commission would like Renee to look into cameras to prevent vandalism.

The Little League has proposed a project to build four dugouts at Riverside Park. The design has gone to Planning and zoning. They would like to build three-sided structures made of cinderblock. Renee is against this due to no sightline into the dugouts from the main entrance. She would like the commission to look into pavilion style dugouts, for which the fencing is already in place.

The Little League will also put an ADA compliant pathway.

There was a discussion and the Commission ask for a visual of the pavilion dugouts. (which was sent to the members in an email)  
It was suggested Little League be invited to a Commission meeting to hear the concerns about providing the safest environment.

The Conservation Commission will be attending the next meeting to discuss projects that they will be writing grants for. Renee attended

their last meeting and did tell Conservation there would be a limited supply of maintenance support.

7. Public Comment:

Jim Warren will be picking a donation for the Toy Drive, December 2nd and delivering it to The Recreation Office.

Renee, the Recreation Director, was complimented on her first meeting.

8. Adjournment

7:47pm

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

Next meeting December 12, 2022

Respectfully submitted: Chris Boyle