

Brooklyn Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting

December 13, 2021

7:03pm

Commission members present: Harry Adams
Cliff Soucy, Mike Gaudreau, Aaron Soucy, Deb Warren, Steve Danna, Melissa
Perkins-Banas

Absent: Chris Toney
Also, present: Bucky Lohbusch, Joe Voccio(selectman)

1. Approval of Special Meeting minutes from November 8, 2021.

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

2. Public time

Welcome extended to the newest member, Aaron Soucy, liaison from the
BOF.

3. Set 2022 Recreation Commission Meeting Schedule
Meetings will continue to be the 2nd Monday of the month, with a special
meeting in October due to a holiday.

**Motion made: to accept the 2022 meeting schedule
1st Cliff Soucy. 2nd Harry Adams All in Favor**

4. Michael Dragon Complex update

The capital project, replacing the rails is completed along with the Handicap
parking signs.

Several trees need to be removed. A Large tree that is dead near the left side of the parking needs to be removed. There is a request in that the highway department remove this tree, before soccer season starts. Bucky was directed to get an estimate from a tree service in case the Highway department won't or can't commit to removing the tree.. The two other trees are near the pond. One Eversource needs to take down (it has been marked), due to the fact it is near the wires. The last tree near the pond needs to come down it is not near wires, but dangerous and the limbs that have fallen have taken some of the fencing out. The fencing will need to be replaced.

Two light bulbs in the towers will need to be replaced and winter light mode will be happening in the next week.

The tennis courts are in bad shape. Bucky would like to consider a capital project to put tennis courts at Prince Hill. It will be expensive, but the courts are well used. Bucky would like to consider Pickle ball at the old tennis courts.

All the fields are in great shape. Mowed in December and leaf removal is happening now.

5. Program Update

Open gym going very well, 15-20 guys per night, with mask rules in place.

Brochures for the Spring/Summer, are getting prepared to go out. Included will be Tennis Lessons, and volleyball. Also looking for an Exercise instructor.

Before and After School program had to credit several people due to COVID rules and HIPPA rules,(not being able to communicate with the school due to privacy rights). Rules are very confusing.

There will be an AD placed for hiring some staff for the program.

Will begin to send out letter for donations for Family Fun Day, **IF**, the selectman will be moving forward with the event.

Toy drive distribution will happen Friday and Saturday. 120 children are signed up.

2 truck loads of toys and 2000.00 in cash was donated by the Solar Farm company.

East Brooklyn Fire Company raised 2000.00

The Recreation department will donate \$500.00 to a child in Brooklyn with Cancer. The money will help the parents continue to stay with their child and help with expenses.

Deary's Gymnastics also donate signed mats to Addie as she wants to be a gymnast.

Motion made: to donate 500.00 to Addie from the toy drive fund instead of toys.

1st Harry Adams 2nd Deb Warren. All in Favor

6. Other business

Chris Toney will be officially resigned from the Recreation Commission as of January. He will be replaced by Jimmy Warren.

7. Public Time
None

8. Adjournment. 7:35

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

Next meeting: January 10, 2022

Respectfully submitted: Chris Boyle

