Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes: June 8, 2022
7:00 PM at 31 Arbor Way
Video Conference-Meeting via Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gordon Oliver, Thomas Boscarino, Cynthia Costanzo, Shay Drake, Kevin Hayes, Sherry Kraus, Christopher Weitz

OTHERS PRESENT: Dustin Huguenin, Director of Recreation; Kevin Barrett, Recreation Coordinator; Megan Lung, Recreation Program Assistant

I. CALL TO ORDER: Gordon Oliver, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

II. CORRESPONDENCE: None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
A. May 11, 2022 Regular Meeting
   MOVED (COSTANZO) SECONDED (HAYES) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE
   THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 11, 2022 REGULAR MEETING.

IV. PUBLIC FORUM: None

V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Nothing to report

VI. RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT:
A. Commission members Christopher Weitz (10 years) and Kevin Hayes (20 years) are being recognized for their years in service, as well as Assistant Director of Recreation Mary Bartley for 20 years.
B. Recreation Director Huguenin provided an update to the commission on the ending of spring sports. Each sport had a successful season, as high school players from each spring sport, soccer and lacrosse volunteered as coaches for the younger players, proving to be an immense asset to the programs. Fall soccer tryouts are starting next week.
C. Recreation Director Huguenin updated the commission on the use of the community gardens on the Batz property. The plots have been tilled, and stakes planted. He made the recommendation that the deposit for a plot be increased from $20, as it is not effective in deterring people from not cleaning the r plot at the end of the season.
D. Recreation Director Huguenin provided the commission with updates regarding improvement needs at Crystal Lake's Sandy Beach. The conditions were described as being in dire need of repair, such as limited parking, rusted grills, and overall poor maintenance. It was discussed that with funds of about $50,000 from the American Rescue Plan Task Force via the Department of
Energy and Environmental Protection, the beach entrance could be moved to Green St., to widen the entryway, and allow for a separate exit. Vice Chairman Boscariino made the recommendation of using these funds to create a visual representation of the plan to present to the Ad Hoc Committee in order to prove that this is a project worth investing in with the remaining $2,000,000 in American Rescue Plan Task Force funds. Director Huguenin also made the recommendation of a subcommittee among commission members to focus solely on Sandy Beach.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
A. Finance: None
B. Maintenance: None
C. Operations: None

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:
A. Discuss: Disc Golf: First Selectman Spielman is in support of the project. Director Huguenin expressed interest in attending the Planning and Zoning Commission's next regular meeting on June 27, 2022 to speak in the public forum in order to gauge members' support. After discussion the commission unanimously approves this course of action.
B. Playground Proposal: Discussed need for playground improvement, getting quote from company in the next few days, it is estimated to be around $200,000.
C. Athletic Field Lighting Project: Nothing to report.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:
A. Summer Camp Staff Recommendations: Recreation Coordinator Kevin Barrett provided an overview of the summer camp staff candidates for hire. After the discussion the following motion was made MOVED (BOSCARINO) SECONDED (COSTANZO) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE SUMMER CAMP STAFF MEMBERS RECOMMENDED FOR HIRE.

X. ADJOURN
MOVED (COSTANZO) SECONDED (BOSCARINO) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN AT 7:44 PM.

Submitted By:

Megan Lung