

PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
February 10, 2022

Location: Recreation Building
6:00 P.M.

Minutes

PRESENT: Ezio Cappozzi, Ben Gediman, Colin Cassidy, Mary Tully, Danielle Angelillo,

ABSENT: Brent Davenport and Quinn Wazorko

STAFF: Courtney Hewett, Recreation Director

I. MINUTES

A motion was made by: Ben Gediman to approve the December 9, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Seconded by: Colin Cassidy

All in Favor 5 to 0

Motion Passes

Minutes approved

II. ORAL PETITIONS

None

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Spring/Summer Update –** Upcoming spring programs are listed on RecDesk currently, this features lifeguarding classes and swim lessons. Current programs are going well, the afterschool program is in full swing and has been taking place for a month. Basketball leagues and swim team are finishing up. Planning for summer has begun, hoping to get information for summer program and events out via facebook, website, and brochure at the beginning of March. Registration to start April 4th. This will feature the summer concert series, summer camps, sports programs, swim lessons, and more.
- B. **Pool Pass Fees –** Courtney Hewett asked the board for feedback on whether to raise pool pass fees. The question was posed if it is better to raise the pool fees a small amount this year and next year or a large amount next year (\$2 this year and next or \$4 next year). The board discussed and it was advised that the department wait until 2023 to raise prices.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. **Paderewski Park- Fishing –** The board reviewed the memo from

the Conservation Commission regarding their stance on a possible fishing ban at Paderewski Park. Ezio Capozzi stated that he felt that a year was a long time for the ban but figuring out a way to reduce the fishing line was important. Ben Gediman was in favor of the ban as it was written. While he agreed that outdoor recreation is important, it is also important to take care of wildlife. Courtney Hewett was asked to see about getting signage about fishing line and check in with DEEP to see if they had any advice on the situation. The board also asked about getting some barriers installed near the boat ramp to deter smoking in the park. Courtney to report back.

- B. **Paderewski Park –Clean Up** (regarding Tennis Courts), at the December meeting it was identified that the tennis courts at the this park posed as a safety issue as they are in disrepair and pose a visual obstruction from the parking lot. Ben Gediman and Ezio Capozzi suggested removing the tennis courts completely to make the park safer. The rest of the board agreed.
- C. **Concession Stand- Grill** Courtney Hewett provided an update about the concession stand at Norton Park. Courtney stated that she is working with building and grounds, the fire department, and the soccer club to get the grill installed. An alarm system and phone line will need to be installed for the grill to be ordered but the project is moving forward.
- D. **Fitness Equipment-** The fitness equipment to be added to Norton Park has been put on back order since it was ordered last summer. The original estimate for delivery was stated for March, Courtney Hewett to confirm whether that is still the case.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The board unanimously agreed to end the meeting at 6:39pm.