

**PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 21, 2022
Location: Recreation Building
6:00 P.M.**

Minutes

PRESENT: Ezio Cappozzi, Mary Tully, Quinn Wazorko, Brent Davenport, Colin Cassidy

ABSENT: Ben Gediman, Danielle Angelillo

STAFF: Courtney Hewett, Park and Recreation Director

I. MINUTES

A motion was made by: Mary Tully to approve the February 10, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Seconded by: Ezio Capozzi

All in Favor 5 to 0

Motion Passes

Minutes Approved

II. ORAL PETITIONS

1. John Kisluk, 64 Forestville Avenue – John talked about Fishing at Paderewski Pond, he is in favor of residents being able to fish. He saw brush around the pond that needs to be removed and said that he believes that there are too many geese. John suggested federal money (grant) might be an option to assist with cleaning up around the pond.
2. Lisa Lozier, 17 Grant Avenue – Lisa is on the Conservation Commission. She is asking the board to consider recommending a fishing ban to the Town Council. She showed examples of the fishing line and lures that she has been picking up around the pond. She is concerned about the birds getting harmed by eating or getting caught in the fishing line. She also mentioned dogs unleashed running around the pond and people in boats urinating into the pond. Lisa found pellet gun bullet shells as well.
3. Marge Burris, 2 Mountain View Drive – Marge is the Chairwoman of the Conservation Commission. Marge does not believe that there needs to be a fishing ban, but the fishing line should not be left around the pond. She explained that there are receptacles around the pond for people to put fishing line in. She is concerned for the wild life eating or getting stuck in the fishing line too.
4. John Masse, 56 Grant Avenue – stated that there are trash issues at Paderewski Pond. He asked who is responsible for the clean-up.

The board members listened and provided feedback to the residents present.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Park Improvements** – The board discussed ideas for the parks.
The ideas are as follows:

- Frisbee golf
- Small soccer area

- Volleyball

The commissioners stated that there is an issue with goose feces in the back field.

B. Program Ideas – Courtney said that she would like to increase the number of Adult Programs. The ideas of additional programs are:

- Yoga
- Twilight Yoga
- Painting
- Tai Chi
- Zumba
- Tennis

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Paderewski Park Update - Courtney reported briefly on additional updates.

B. Fitness Equipment – delayed. Expected delivery in June. Courtney to follow up.

C. Spring / Summer Update – Courtney reported that they are almost done hiring for summer positions.

Berner Pool - 13 lifeguards were hired. Ben ran 2 Lifeguard Classes last year. Courtney reported that there is a shortage of lifeguards, several of the lifeguards finished college and are now working full time jobs. It seems to be an issue all over the State. Pool Directors will be new this year. The previous Pool Directors are willing to sub, if needed. Swim Lesson are filling up. Pool will open June 11th.

Splash Pad – will open Memorial Day weekend.

Camps – Camp Counselors will be new this year. Courtney is working on hiring 2 Camp Directors too. The Counselors will be going to “Camp College” for training. There will also be a “Suspicious Person Training” for staff.

Camp sign-ups are going well. The Day Camp is 50 % full and Mini Camp is 30% full. Courtney might move Mini-camp to Norton, if there is not enough campers, for safety.

D. Speed Bump Update – Courtney provided an update. One speed bump will be installed by the Concession Stand. It will be permanent. It will be a raised crosswalk.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The board unanimously agreed to end the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Dahlstrom

Recording Secretary