

PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Thursday, October 14, 2021
Location: Recreation Building
6:00 P.M.

Minutes

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

ABSENT: Brent Davenport, Quinn Wazorko, Danielle Angelillo, Donna Martin

STAFF: Courtney Hewett, Park and Recreation Director

I. MINUTES

A motion was made by: Ben Gediman to approve the August 19, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Seconded by: Ezio Cappozzi

All in Favor 4 to 0

Motion Passes

Minutes approved

II. ORAL PETITIONS

None

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Fall Update – Courtney reported the schools will allow the Park and Recreation Department use of their facilities. Swim Team, Swim Lessons, Basketball Leagues, and some Adult Exercise classes will be held at the schools.

B. Paderewski Park Fishing Line Concerns - Lisa Lozier from the Conservation Commission attended the meeting to talk about the Conservation Commission's request to temporarily ban fishing at Paderewski Park. Lisa told the board that she has been picking up trash and fishing line for over 20 years at Paderewski and this year seems to be one of the worst with the fishing line. The wildlife is getting injured and dying trying to get loose from it.

The board suggests Lisa do a video of all of the items that she is picking up around the pond to present to the Town Council to show them just how serious the situation is.

Lisa explained that the Conservation Commission will be doing a letter suggesting this temporary fishing ban and plan to present it to the Town Council. Courtney will contact Garret Daigle to also do a letter from the Park and Recreation Board supporting this request.

The board also suggested to Lisa that the Conservation Commission could call DEEP to patrol there.

Lisa also expressed concern about people bringing their boats into

the pond. Courtney will follow up on the possibility of putting up a gate to block cars with boats access to the pond..

- C. **Speed Bumps at Norton** – Ben talked about the request from a resident regarding adding a speed hump by the concession stand and one more by the walkway. The board talked about a solar powered crosswalk sign. Courtney to follow up with Dave Emery and report it at the next meeting.
- D. **AEDS in the Parks**– The board talked about the possibility of adding AEDs in the parks. Courtney explained that it is very expensive equipment, and it would be difficult to keep safe from theft, damage, and the weather. Courtney asked other towns if they had AEDs in the park and no one did due to those reasons.
- E. **Relay for Life 2022** – the request is for use of Norton Park June 4 and 5 2022.
A motion was made by: Ezio Cappozzi to approve the request.
Seconded by: Mary Tully
All in Favor 4 to 0 **Motion Passes**

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. **General Field Polices** - Courtney presented the proposed policy that was discussed in the meeting in August.
A motion was made to accept the policy as written by: Ben Gediman
Seconded by: Ezio Cappozzi
All in Favor 4 to 0 **Motion Passes** **Policy Accepted**
- B. **Smoking Policy** – Courtney reported that the Town Council passed the No Smoking Policy for the Parks – it will be posted and it will be effective 30 days after it is posted.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The board unanimously agreed to end the meeting at 6:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Dahlstrom
Recording Secretary