

PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY
Regular Meeting
May 21, 2020
Recreation Department - 50 Whiting Street
6:00 P.M.

Minutes – Meeting held on phone conference

Present: Ezio Capozzi, Jr., Donna Martin, Ben Gediman, Bill Bulger, Chris DiTolla, Quinn Christopher

Absent: Tom Warnat, Ty Cox, Brent Davenport,

Staff: Courtney Hewett, Park and Recreation Director, Jennifer Dahlstrom, Recording Secretary

I. MINUTES

A motion was made by: Ben Gediman to accept the March Meeting Minutes as written.

Seconded by: Ezio Capozzi Jr.

All in Favor 6 to 0

Motion Passes

Minutes Accepted

II. ORAL PETITIONS

None

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Summer Update

Summer Camp –

1. Due to restrictions because of COVID costs will be increased for camp due to the disinfectants needed. Hand Sanitizer and cleaning products will be needed.
2. The camp would be limited to 30 children ages 5 to 12. There would be no mini camps.
3. 2 additional camp counselors would be needed to help with keeping the camp disinfected properly according to the guidelines. There would need to be a total of 6.
4. The proposed hours for camp would be 9 am to 4 pm.
5. Mandatory health screenings will be required for the children and camp counselors. Courtney to check into a school nurse to perform health screenings. This could save some money.

6. Proposed start date will be June 22.
7. Courtney would need to come up with appropriate games that allow social distancing. Some ideas are movie time, sprinklers, slip n slides etc. if the pool does not open to keep the kids cool.
8. There would be no camp if it rains.

Courtney to talk to Robert Lee and the Town Council because the cost of running the camp will be more than the Town will make in profit. The Board agrees that it would be a nice gesture to still run the camp even though there will not be a profit. It would help out the residents in Plainville that will be returning to work.

The concern is that wearing a face mask will be hot for the staff, especially when it is 90 degrees. Courtney explained that the staff will have to take breaks. The additional 2 staff will relieve the other staff so they can take breaks.

Courtney to meet with the Town and report back to the Board next week once a decision has been made about camp.

Berner Pool – Courtney explained the new guidelines for the pool staff and residents. There would be no swim lessons and the residents going to the pool would have to socially distance when using it. Courtney will meet with the Town Manager and Town Council about whether or not it should open with the Covid Restrictions and Guidelines this year. Courtney to report to the board the final decision.

Little League – will be canceled for the spring. They are hoping to resume in the Fall.

B. OTHER BUSINESS

Courtney talked to the board about the bench that was installed at Norton that had to be removed. She asked if the board is ok with allowing the resident to install the memorial plaque on another bench in the park. The board is ok with the plaque being installed at another bench. Courtney to take care of it.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The board agreed to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Dahlstrom

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Recording Secretary

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