

**PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY
Regular Meeting
August 13, 2020
Norton Park Pavilion
6:00 P.M.**

Minutes

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

Absent: Brent Davenport

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

I. MINUTES

A motion was made by: Bill Bulger to accept the June 11 Meeting Minutes as written.

Seconded by: Ben Gediman

All in Favor 7 to 0

Motion Passes

Minutes Accepted

II. ORAL PETITIONS

None

III. NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made to add Memorial Request, Men's Softball and Outsource Programs to the Agenda under New Business by: Bill Bulger

Seconded by: Ben Gediman

All in Favor 7 to 0

Motion Passes

A. Summer Update

Summer Camp – It has been going as well as could be expected. Tomorrow is the last day of summer camp. We did our full 8 weeks. We extended it to 40 kids per week. Mini Camp was extended to all day. A nurse was supposed to check temperatures, as time went on the State Requirements allowed the Camp Counselors to take the temperatures. Camp Norton went 9 am to 4 pm. No complaints. Pool was 3 times per week for the kids.

Berner Pool – Courtney talked about feedback she received about the pool with the Covid changes and guidelines. Some residents loved the set up this year. Some people were disappointed that they could not come more than 3 times a week. Sold over 500 pool passes. Staff was very helpful and did a great job with changes. The pool closes August 23.

B. Rental Rates

Courtney talked about the policy to see if the board wanted to update the policy and update the prices. Discussion followed. Courtney reported that non-profits are charged a small fee in other towns. Courtney will draft an amended proposed policy to the next meeting.

C. Story Walk Project with Library

The Children's Librarian approached Courtney to ask her about doing a story walk with kids in October. She would want to put up little plaques and the families would have the opportunity to walk through the story. It is to get the kids outside and exercising. No cost. The Board discussed it and agree it is a great idea.

A motion was made by: Bill Bulger to do the Story Walk with the Library.

Seconded by: Quinn Christopher

All in Favor 7 to 0

Motion Passes

D. Memorial Request

Tom talked about getting together a sub committee of volunteers to discuss this further. Tom asked for volunteers. It will be discussed at the next meeting.

E. Men's Softball

Tom noticed there was no softball tonight. He noticed that they were using both fields on Saturdays for a long period of time. Courtney to follow up. It will be an issue next year when more people want to rent picnic spaces.

F. Outsource Programs

Tom talked about the possibility of outsource programs. Courtney talked about the possibility of enrichment programs that can be done in the future. Courtney asked the Elementary Art Teachers to see if they were interested in running a program. Bill suggests that the board might know people interested in running programs. To be discussed further.

IV. Other Business

- A. **Blue Dolphins Safety Protocols** - Courtney talked to the board about proposed safety protocols. It has to be approved by the Blue Dolphins Board. Courtney is trying to set up a meeting. Discussion followed.

Proposed guidelines:

- Parents are not allowed in the Locker Room
- No cell phones allowed in the Locker Room
- Coaches and lifeguards will be doing checks to make sure that there are no suspicious items left behind.
- Parents only allowed on pool deck during meets
- Required Background checks for board and any volunteers
- Town employee to check to make sure parents have background checks on provided list before entering pool area to volunteer.
- 25 volunteers needed for a swim meet
- Needs to be finalized soon and distributed to league

Courtney reported that there will be a new head swim coach this year. To be discussed further.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The board agreed to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Dahlstrom

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