

**PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

April 8, 2021

Meeting was at Norton Park

6:00 P.M.

Minutes

PRESENT: Tom Warnat, Ezio Cappozzi, Donna Martin, Bill Bulger, Quinn Wazorko, Chris DiTolla

ABSENT: Brent Davenport, Ben Gediman,

STAFF: Courtney Hewett, Park and Recreation Director, Jennifer Dahlstrom, Recording Secretary, and Jacob Rocco, City Council Liaison

I. MINUTES

A motion was made by: Ezio Cappozzi to approve the March 11, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Seconded by: Bill Bulger

All in Favor 6 to 0

Motion Passes

II. ORAL PETITIONS

None

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Summer Update

Summer Camp – the Governor did not release the guidelines yet for camps, but the Health Department believes it will be comparable to last year. Camp Counselors are needed. 15 people applied, Courtney will be hiring 5. Camp at Norton is for 7-12 year olds. Mini Camp will be at Paderewski for 4 1/2 to 6 year olds.

Open position – Courtney talked about the Recreation Coordinator position. 170 people applied. 1st round of interviews are done, 10 people were interviewed. 2nd round of interviews will be done next week with Courtney, Ben, and HR. Discussion followed.

Berner Pool – No guidelines from the state about rules for this year yet. Ben did 3 Lifeguard classes, Ben and Courtney will hire 8 people to fill open positions. Ben and Courtney are working on the possibility of having a daily sign-up sheet online. They are also considering drop ins. Courtney and Ben to share list of pros and cons for each at next meeting.

B. Dog Policy Norton Park – a letter was received from a concerned resident. She explained that she had her grandson playing in the play area at Norton and there was a dog there not leashed. Her grandson ran up to the dog to pet him. There were no issues and the dog was

friendly, but she was concerned it could be a potential safety issue. She requested that the board reassess the dog policy and not let dogs near the playground equipment. The board discussed the letter and decided that they cannot ban dogs from the park, but that dogs do need to be leashed. Courtney to follow up.

- C. **Library Digital Scavenger Hunt** – the library requested permission to put a couple of the scavenger hunt pieces in the parks for kids to find. The board agrees that this is fine. The Storyboard Walk was a huge success last year.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Sports Tournament Policies** – Courtney went over the proposed policy. The board agrees that it is ready to approve.
A motion was made by: Chris Di'Tolla to approve the Sports Tournament Policy as written.
Seconded by: Quinn Christopher
All in Favor 6 to 0 **Motion Passes**
2. **Memorial Request Policy**– Courtney went over the proposed policy. Discussion followed. The board agrees that the policy is ready to approve.
A motion was made by: Bill Bulger to approve the Memorial Request Policy as written.
Seconded by: Ezio Cappozzi
All in Favor 6 to 0 **Motion Passes**

Other Business

Tom Warnat is retiring. He has been on the boards in Town for 40 years. The board members thanked him for his service.

At the next meeting a new chairperson will be addressed.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The board unanimously agreed to end the meeting at 6:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Dahlstrom
Recording Secretary