

**PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY  
Special Meeting  
October 15, 2020  
Recreation Building  
6:00 P.M.**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Tom Warnat, Ezio Capozzi, Jr., Donna Martin, Ben Gediman, Bill Bulger, Quinn Christopher, and Brent Davenport

**Absent:** Chris DiTolla

**Staff:** Courtney Hewett, Park and Recreation Director

**I. MINUTES**

**A motion was made by:** Bill Bulger to accept the August 13, 2020 Meeting Minutes as written.

**Seconded by:** Quinn Christopher

**All in Favor 7 to 0**

**Motion Passes**

**Minutes Accepted**

**II. ORAL PETITIONS**

None

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Fall Update**

Courtney spoke about a meeting with Assistant Director, Ben Dalena, the High School Athletic Director, Chris Farrell, and herself about the possibility of the department using the schools for some programming. The programs included the Blue Dolphins Swim Team, Yoga, Zumba, and a basketball program. Courtney reported that the Chris was supportive of the activities but stressed that all COVID-19 guidelines would need to be followed and that the department would need to work about. Chris in that meeting also mentioned that he would need to get approval from the school use taskforce.

Bill Bulger then talked about refund policies for the programs should things get canceled due to schools closing again or new guidelines. The board agreed that the department should be flexible and if something gets canceled after half of the classes people would receiving a 50% refund, if a class is canceled after three quarters of a program then people would receive a 25% refund.

**B. Capital Improvement Projects**

The board was asked to give some Capital Improvement Project ideas that they felt the community might want. Tom Warnat mentioned repairing the tennis courts at Norton Park as well as adding a pickleball lines to one of the tennis courts. Ben Gediman mentioned the Outdoor Fitness Equipment that has been discussed over the last year. The board also was in favor of tearing down the tennis courts at Paderewski Park as the courts are in disrepair and have not been used in several years.

**IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

**A. Blue Dolphin Safety Protocols**

Courtney explained that herself and Ben Dalena met with the Blue Dolphins' parents' group to come up with the appropriate safety protocols since the last board meeting. The parents' group and the Recreation Advisory Board were in line with the new protocols, Ben will be putting together a more finalized version to present to the parents' group and the swim league.

**B. Men's Softball**

The board was concerned about if Men's Softball had taken out all the appropriate permits from the summer, Courtney confirmed that the league had. Men's Softball is also hosting a tournament at Norton Park on October 31<sup>st</sup>, the board did raise concerns that they did not have to pay to use the fields. The group agreed at the next meeting to discuss a price for special one day tournaments and to look over the regulations for tournaments.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

The board agreed to adjourn the meeting at 6:32pm.