

**PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 16, 2022
Location: Recreation Building
6:00 P.M.**

Minutes

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

ABSENT: Danielle Angelillo and Brent Davenport

STAFF: Courtney Hewett, Recreation Director

I. MINUTES

A motion was made by: Mary Tully to approve the April 21, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes.

Seconded by: Ben Gedimen

All in Favor 5 to 0

Motion Passes

Minutes Approved

II. ORAL PETITIONS

1. Tom Warnat, 11 Eastwood Dr – Tom talked about Fishing at Paderewski Pond, he is in favor of residents being able to fish. He agrees that the pond is not at it's cleanest but he doesn't think that it is all fisherman that are to blame. He says people have been fishing at that park for years and it would be a shame to stop now.
2. Lisa Lozier, 17 Grant Avenue – Lisa is on the Conservation Commission. She is asking the board to consider recommending a fishing ban to the Town Council. She showed examples of the fishing line and lures that she has been picking up around the pond. She is concerned about the birds getting harmed by eating or getting caught in the fishing line. She also mentioned dogs unleashed running around the pond and people in boats urinating into the pond. Lisa found pellet gun bullet shells as well.
3. Marge Burris, 2 Mountain View Drive – Marge is the Chairwoman of the Conservation Commission. Marge does not believe that there needs to be a fishing ban, but the fishing line and trash should not be left around the pond.

The board members listened and provided feedback to the residents present.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Summer Update** – Hewett spoke about how the first week at the pool has been smooth and that the department is very lucky to have so many guards. She then went on to say registration for summer camp is looking good and that the Camp College event for camp staff was very helpful. Ben Gedimen mentioned that the Plainville Blue Devils Baseball Camp had 60 participants and that was great to see.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. **Paderewski Park Update-** Hewett reported briefly on additional

updates. Including that Mini Camp would not be utilizing Paderewski this summer and that the tennis courts are taken down and it looks much nicer. The board has asked Hewett to see if we can get more trash cans at the pond.

- B. Fitness Equipment** – Delayed. Expected delivery in August. Hewett explained this is happening with lots of recreation equipment.
- C. Speed Bump Update** – The second speed bump on Norton Park Road will not be happening. The town had done a speed over 2 weeks and concluded it was not needed.
- D. Fishing at Paderewski Pond**- This item was addressed earlier in the meeting before the summer update. Ben Gedimen made a motion to change the order, Quinn Wazorko seconded. The board discussed pros and cons of banning fishing at Paderewski but ultimately the board decided not to ban fishing. Hewett was instructed to see if Park Patrol would be able to go to Paderewski once or twice a week to deter poor behavior. In addition, she will reach out to the sports leagues to see if they would be able to meet for park clean ups and the league with the most participants will get a pool party at Berner at the end of the summer. Mary Tully made a motion to accept this plan, Colin Cassidy seconded.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The board unanimously agreed to end the meeting at 7:00 pm.