

PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

SPECIAL MEETING

August 19, 2021

**Meeting was at Recreation Building
6:00 P.M.**

Minutes

PRESENT: Ezio Cappozzi, Donna Martin, Ben Gediman, Colin Cassidy, Danielle Angelillo, Brent Davenport, Quinn Wazorko,

ABSENT: Mary Tully

STAFF: Courtney Hewett, Park and Recreation Director

I. MINUTES

A motion was made by: Ben Gediman to approve the June 17, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Seconded by: Brent Davenport

All in Favor 5 to 0

Motion Passes

II. ORAL PETITIONS

Mr. Albert a Plainville resident came in late to share his thoughts on paving the walking path at Norton Park. He talked about how the walking path floods when it rains near the entrance to the pool. He mentioned that it is a safety issue because of the water building up in the winter it causes ice to form. Discussion followed.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. New Members-** Danielle Angelillo was present. She introduced herself. The board welcomed her.

Paving Walking Path at Norton – Ben talked about requests that residents have talked to him about regarding paving the walking path. Courtney tried to talk to Dominic about the possibility of getting quotes or if one was done in the past to get an idea of the cost. Dominic was out of the office. Courtney to follow up and report at the next meeting.

Summer Update– went smoothly. 1 Covid case was reported at Berner Pool, it was a staff member. The pool was able to open the next day according to the Health Department.

Summer Camps - were completely full. Minicamp went well at Paderewski. The groups were smaller because of Covid.

Fall Update – Courtney reported she is not sure yet if the Rec Department will be able to use the schools for Rec programs for the fall. She is planning on a basketball hoops program and skateboarding program, but she has to wait to hear about the school availability with Covid. Courtney mentioned perhaps she could use the pool to do swim lessons on a Saturday. Courtney will update board at the next meeting.

- B. **Paderewski Park Improvements** – the board discussed the safety issues with roots growing in the old tennis courts. The board discussed possible improvement options. Some of the ideas were adding a pavilion or volleyball court. To be discussed in more detail at next meeting.
- C. **Smoking policy** – The board talked about making the parks no smoking areas. Discussion followed. Courtney to draft a proposed policy to send to the board members for approval.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. **General Field Policies** – the board talked about putting together a proposed policy and writing a policy Courtney can share when people request to use the park fields. Courtney asked the board for feedback on charges. Discussion followed. Courtney to draft a policy to have the board look at and approve. To be discussed further at next meeting.
- B. **Fitness Equipment** – The Rotary Club is offering to purchase equipment and it will be placed at Norton Park.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The board unanimously agreed to end the meeting at 6:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Dahlstrom

Recording Secretary