

**PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**March 12, 2020**  
**Recreation Department - 50 Whiting Street**  
**6:00 P.M.**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Ben Gediman, Bill Bulger, Tom Warnat, Brent Davenport, Donna Martin, Chris DiTolla, Quinn Christopher

**Absent:** Ty Cox, Ezio Capozzi, Jr.

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

**I. MINUTES**

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

**Seconded by:** Quinn Christopher

**All in Favor 7 to 0**

**Motion Passes**

**Minutes Accepted**

**II. ORAL PETITIONS**

Burke Smith, President of the Parents Swim Organization. He came to talk about the Swim Team Updates. Families that were affected by recent events were notified. They also put in a confidential crisis hotline to help. Burke and Ben Gediman were present in court during the recent hearing.

Ben Gediman read the email that was distributed to the families involved. Burke suggests that all sports should have a liaison in the future for the security and safety of children and residents.

Burke talked about the changes and rules that are may be made. All phones will be taken away and returned after lessons and meets so that there are no phones on the swim deck.

The board talked about doing background checks for all adults that are working with the children and coaching.

Courtney talked to the town about background checks for all pool staff. The staff will have a background check from now on when someone is hired. The board all agrees that it is a good idea.

The board talked about teams that come for meets and their rules and guidelines.

Burke said that there will be bathroom monitors as well during meets. The board talked about additional safety measures during meets. To be discussed further.

Open swim hours will be changed to accommodate the meet schedule. The board talked about checking ids during open swim.

Courtney to meet with Town Staff to come up with some guidelines and rules.

### **III. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **A. Project List -** The board talked about the list that Courtney distributed.

- Outdoor Exercise Equipment - Courtney said that Roberta has a quote on the cost of the exercise equipment that will be placed throughout Norton Park for outdoor exercising. It was around \$30,000. Healthy Plainville would be paying for it or getting companies to purchase a piece of equipment to donate. Courtney explained that there would be a couple of pieces purchased before setting up the area. Courtney talked to Dave Emery about a potential spot for the exercise equipment to be placed. Courtney to sit down with Roberta about the best pieces of equipment that should be in the area and readjust quote. Courtney will get in touch with John at Creative Recreation. He will come out and check on the site. It will be wood chips for the floor.
- Memorial Requests – plans need to be made as to where they should be placed.
- Tennis Court Repairs – Courtney got a quote to fix the cracks and it was much more than the price that was given to Colin. Right now the tennis courts are locked. The tennis lessons are done there. The nets are taken out in the winter so that they do not get damaged.
- Softball fence – needs to be repaired. The pole needs to be fixed. The fence will not need to be replaced.
- Rails to Trails – pending. In design phase.
- Betty Boukus Memorial – still discussing where to put it. Tom to attend meeting about it.
- Paderewski Walking Trail – Tom got a map of trail. There is a possibility you can walk around the pond at all times. The area needs to be cleaned up, erosion is a concern. Tom to take a walk out there once the weather is better.
- Tennis Courts at Paderewski – The board talked about getting rid of them. They have been locked for some time now. No one uses them. Should they be taken down or used for something else? The board needs to talk about it.

- Service Building Roof – it was done so it should come off the list.
- Trumbull Park – Nothing needs to be done. Little League takes care of Trumbull Park.

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Budget Update** - Budget passed. Increase due to the new programs.
- B. **Background Checks** – The board talked about background checks for everyone that has contact with children in the Recreation Programs, Camp, etc. Volunteers should also have to have a background check. Courtney has a list of who has received a background check. The board agrees that from now on all coaches should get a background check.

#### V. ADJOURNMENT

**A motion was made by:** Ben Gediman to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 pm.

**Seconded by:** Brent Davenport

**Vote: 7-0 in favor**

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:03 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Jennifer Dahlstrom*

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