

# Recreation & Parks

## December 10, 2024, 6:00 PM

### Community Center

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Attendance: Matt Martin, Linda Rice-Collins, Karin Ernst, Shelly Bedrossian, Rossana Ferrante

Meeting called to order at 6:00.

#### **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

- Motion to approve, pending an addition that Linda noted further deterioration after Donovan added gravel in front of the telescope at Chandler Hovey. All in favor except Rossana, who was not in attendance. The motion passes.
- Discussion: commenters should be made aware that meetings are recorded.

#### **Ongoing Project Updates - Pete**

- FinCom: Pete and Jaime provided budget numbers for review.
- Vine Street: Greg has cleared a lot out, it is now much more open. Pete will meet with Greg and Brad to go over sorting the keep, trash, and MunicibiD piles.
- Job posting and hiring: will need HR to provide contact info from interested candidates on Indeed.
- Gatchell's: youth baseball will probably come in over the winter to discuss items they'd like to do at the park - possibly lights for the entire park.
  - Shelly asked if at the next meeting we could discuss how much to allocate for Stramski's, the basketball court, and other projects. Shelly noted that investing money from the revolving fund in projects will show it is being used, rather than sitting on it..
- Basketball courts: Matt and Pete met with Atlantic Paving this morning. He felt the court was in good shape and would come back when the weather is dryer, then laser the court and level it. In his opinion, we would be better off having someone else paint it.
- Boilers: The work is complete, just waiting for the certified payroll to come through before submitting invoices for payment.
- Cleaning services: we have two quotes and have reached out to Ernesto for a third quote. The goal is to land on a company in January.
- Stramski: fire alarm work is in progress, the electrical class has been down there. We will reach back out in January for carpentry and plumbing.
  - Discussion about Shelly's spreadsheet to help organize ongoing projects; it is helpful to keep track of progress.
- Green Street: will talk with Macomber over the winter to take a look at the lights. Matt suggested we ask for what it would cost to bring the lights up to date.
  - Shelly suggested bringing Chris Huntress in to meet in January.
- Fountain Park: Rossana will obtain an estimate from Hancock for engineering work for Fountain Steps.
- Department manual: Rossana will work on revisions based on previous feedback with Jaime. We will go over it in a January meeting.

- Commercial trash pickup: excessive commercial trash is being left at the Landing. We will work with the Harbormaster and Board of Health for a long term solution.

### **Parks Update - Pete**

- Seaside Park: We planted a tree today by the nursery school to replace a tree that had to be cut down.
- We were asked by the new Veterans' agent to paint her office at the Mary Alley building.
- Devereux Beach & Riverhead: Pete brought up an idea for replacing the wooden boardwalks with MobiMats during a working group meeting. Rough estimate for a 3.5' wide MobiMat near the playground is a little over 18000 plus shipping. It would be much easier to navigate with a stroller or wheelchair. We could also use a 6.5' x 50' mat to solve the problem of the lip at Riverhead.

### **Recreation Update - Jaime**

- We have had a strong start to registrations for winter programs.
- The winter/spring season will introduce a programming change; we are doing January through the end of March, then April to the end of June. The change to the school schedule will affect offerings. It is hard to make up time at the back end of summer because staff will be gone.
- We are loading summer programs. The plan is to have edits done for January.
- Summer hiring will go out this week to try to catch people while they're home over break. We will need a sailing director.

### **Dog Park Mailer**

- Linda touched base with Robin Michaud about the dog park fundraising mailer. The cost of the mailing is 1000 dollars. Steven Cooper said the dog park people would pay the cost if the department doesn't want to cover or split the bill. Robin said they now have their own sheet of paper and it will go out with the town census.
- Jaime asked if we could maximize our use of the sheet to take advantage of the space.
- Discussion about how the account is accessed and used; the dog park would request use of the funds through the department. Pete said there is still some money in the donation account.
- Karin agreed that we should maximize our use of the sheet.
- Discussion about splitting the cost or paying for the entire cost; Jaime suggested that we pay for the costs as Rec & Park's contributions to both donation lines.
- Jaime will prep the sheet and Linda will get in touch with Robin.
- Motion to have the one page item be ready to go. The motion was not seconded or voted on.
- Shelly suggested we ask for donations for MobiMats because it's a concrete goal and would be something we could use now; Matt voiced concern about the optics of asking for money for a beach project after raising beach prices.

Motion to enter executive session at 7:12. The motion was seconded, all in favor.

Next meeting date: January 8, 2025 at 6 PM.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:40.**

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Minutes taken by Mary Herchenhahn