

Recreation & Parks
July 9, 2024
6pm @ Community Center

Attendance: Commissioners Matt Martin - Chair, Linda Rice Collins, Rosanna Ferrante, Shelly Bedrossian, Karin Ernst

Meeting called to order at 6:00p.

Topics:

- Tom McGovern: Seaside Park Basketball Court
 - Member of Marblehead Youth Basketball; reached out to Peter James last year about the state of the court and possibility of repair – not currently playable
 - Name after Paul Mitchell? Dedication instead?
 - Need solid bids and better idea of cost
 - How much can be budgeted? Who can help fund the rest?
 - Possible funding from Marblehead Youth Basketball; Friends of Marblehead Basketball; maybe Paul Mitchell
 - Can fundraise – sell bricks on patio?
 - To repaint, level off spots, replace hoops = bid was around \$25,000
 - \$47,645 bid from Sport Court of MA from almost two years ago - to completely redo with a surface guarantee of around 20 years
 - Commissioners agreed they prefer to fix it correctly this way
 - Will keep in touch with Commission to figure out next steps
- Prioritize Ongoing Projects
 - Rosanna and Matt met with Peter to discuss how to prioritize ongoing projects
 - More beneficial to everyone to have one main project at a time with the next in queue
 - Operational vs departmental projects
 - Commissioners can keep working on other things in the background
 - Rosanna and Matt will meet weekly with Peter
 - Classify projects, then prioritize within the classifications?
 - Calendar – can help prioritize timing
 - List on whiteboard with details
 - Commissioners will pick this up at first August meeting
- Gatchell's Discussion
 - Matt was approached by Marblehead Baseball with some concerns about timing
 - Jaime expressed children's safety and supervision is her main focus as the Director of Recreation
 - At Sports Committee meeting a couple of years ago, it was decided Marblehead Youth Baseball would not arrive until 5:30p (not about playing on the fields, but the others who come to their events – safety precaution for the kids in extended day rec programs)
 - This year they started arriving just before 4:30p for games scheduled at 5:30p.
 - Jaime sent emails reminding them of the timing, but early arrivals continued
 - Matt spoke with them a couple of weeks ago; they would like to arrive at 5pm for warmup for 5:30 games
 - Discussed possible solutions – fencing? Signage?
 - Matt – Rec & Park has programming until 5:30pm. Tell MHD Youth Baseball to change their games to 6pm, then revisit this issue at Sports Committee meeting?
 - Jaime – if fence, then 5pm arrival is good. If no fence, must be 5:30 arrival.
 - Cost of fence – who pays?
 - Shelly – start with baseball parent on site to keep their group monitored to keep to approved zone from 5-5:30

- Shelly and Linda will be onsite to observe and assist with process.
- Public Comment Policy
 - Karin made a motion to accept the Public Comment Policy drafted by legal for the use of Rec & Park starting immediately.
 - Motion seconded, all four Commissioners present voted in favor. Rosanna Ferrante was not present for the vote. Motion passes.
- Sup Bid Proposal Discussion
 - Ready for move-in on May 15th opening date annually
 - Three years with options for two one-year renewals
 - Rental rate = \$4,000 annually
 - Winter storage of trailer = \$1760
 - Programming = 75/25 split
 - Minimum bid = \$8,000 with 5 year tiered model of increases
 - Linda requested more time to review proposal
 - Commission will postpone vote until next meeting
 - Jaime would like to review the Float Storage Agreement next time as well
- Stramski Discussion
 - Is switchback necessary if lift goes to first floor? Cost-prohibitive to change now
 - Shelly recommended starting with having the plans approved again by new building inspector and all other relevant parties and inspectors; would like to provide them with all plans and supporting documents, then have everyone meet at Stramski's for a site visit/walkthrough to figure out where project stands and how to proceed
 - Peter will ask new building commissioner to meet with Commission at Stramski's at a given time for a meeting
- Reynold's Project Proposal Discussion
 - Shelly met with Steve Connolly
 - They agreed it would cost \$12 million for a rink – now trying to figure out how to best use what is already at the site
 - Looking at many options; Steve will be helping and reaching out to contacts
 - This discussion was put on hold for now
- Park Updates – Peter
 - Budget talk in August sometime – operational budget will be due sometime in September; also reduced service budget just in case
 - 4th of July went well
 - Brian Wheeler complimented one of the seasonal employees working at Crocker Park, Connor Sheridan, for his work
 - Shattuck Fund request: \$35,000 available to each of the five orgs that benefit from the fund
 - Must have something in by Sept 6 – must be project that is ready to go
 - Peter will leave Jaime a list of things for Park staff to complete while he is out
 - Peter on vacation July 17-26, back on July 29th
 - Unlit firework was found by Park staff on Green St
 - Put up spotlight? Really dark there at night
- Recreation Updates – Jaime
 - In week three of summer programs
 - Fire dept sprayed the kids at the playground program today
 - Loading fall programs, should be out around the end of the first week to August
 - Going to start to look for league sponsorship for the little kids; Jaime going to meet with Chamber of Commerce
 - Linda noted Pickleball League is looking to extend for another six weeks; made a motion to extend the Pickleball League for six more weeks. The motion was seconded and approved; all in favor.
 - Pirate event coming up on Friday
- Correspondence
 - 09/22/24 Lauren Calabrese – 5K Road Race Fundraiser to benefit Marblehead Youth Hockey

- Start and finish at Devereux Beach; requesting use of both moth main and overflow parking lot
 - Motion to approve pending insurance and fee; seconded. All in favor, motion approved.
- 07/10/24, 07/17/24, 07/24/24 Rebecca Karen – Pop-up playgroup at Devereux Beach
 - No advertisements, Jaime to reach out.
- 06/14/25 Amy Danforth – Wedding ceremony at Chandler Hovey Park
 - Motion to approve pending insurance and fee. All in favor, motion carried.
- 05/17/25 Nikki Sabin – Field day for adults at Reynolds Playground
 - On hold pending more information
- 07/17/24 Doreen Marquis – Outdoor worship service at Chandler Hovey Park
 - Motion to approve pending insurance. Karin recused herself. All others in favor, motion carried.

Next Meeting – July 17, 2024 @ 11a

Meeting adjourned @ 8:39p

Minutes taken by: Amanda Viecegli