

## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MARBLEHEAD OBSERVER CORPS

Meeting of Recreation and Park Commission  
Thursday, June 18, 2020 4:30 on Zoom  
LWV Observer - Kay Rieper

All members were present.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Chip Osborne. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Linda Rice Collins nominated Chip Osborne and Derek Norcross to serve as Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively. They were approved.

### **Beach Parking**

As discussed at the last meeting, the number of cars parked at the three parking lots by Devereux Beach will be at 50% capacity to keep the number of people on the beach down. The gate will do a count of cars. The two main parking lots will be for Marblehead residents. Those without a beach sticker can prove their residency, pay the daily fee and park in the resident lots. Out of town people can park at Riverhead Beach. Some parking places will be reserved for Standup Paddleboarding. There will be a parking attendant manning the gate at Riverhead. The parking can be modified as needed as the summer progresses. There are 5 employees—a supervisor, 2 parking attendants, and 2 maintenance people. The Rec. and Parks department has no way to monitor the beach for social distancing, and the Police Departments in general will not enforce covid guidelines because they are guidelines, not laws.

### **Trash Barrels**

The trash barrels will be returned to the lighthouse, beach and Stramski's. Starting tomorrow the department will be fully staffed. Most towns only have carry in carry out policy, not trash barrels.

## **Summer Programs**

Jaime reported that summer programs have been launched, bringing in \$20,000

## **Summer Hires**

The hiring of one beach maintenance person and three park maintenance people was approved.

The rehiring of six recreation instructors and one parking attendant (who was head lifeguard last year). There will be no lifeguards this summer.

## **Budget**

Chip will meet with the Finance Committee later tonight, and shared what he was going to present to the Board.

Highlights:

No raises for non union workers and administrators.

\$45,000 - \$25,000 from operations and \$20,000 from salaries will be given back to the town.

Capital improvements: \$15,000 to \$40,000 to pave the Community Center parking lot; \$10,000 to repair cracks at Seaside tennis courts; \$22,000 for an infield grooming machine. These projects must be done this fiscal year. For 2021: the department will save \$9,700 by eliminating a seasonal recycling position. Operations and facilities will be level funded. The department will not need to give up \$25,000 which means a user fee for the fields will not be needed.

The Department can raise revenue. The Board approved the ideas of raising the float storage fee a \$1 per square foot, and raising the kayak rack fee from \$100 to \$150. This would raise \$70,000 in revenue next year. These fees would be locked in for 5 years.

The town athletic fields, which are worth about \$30 million to the town need capital improvements, and there is no money for this. There is only money for upkeep.