

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MARBLEHEAD  
OBSERVER CORPS

Recreation and Park Commission—Tuesday, May 26, 4:30 pm.  
LWVMObserver: Kay Rieper

All members present on Zoom.

Chip Osborne, chairman, opened the meeting. The minutes were approved.

New Business.

Jaime Bloch, assistant superintendent, reported that the Little Harbor Boat House will not be running programs this summer.

The farm direct co-op, which delivers produce to members, at Stramskis, is now compliant and can deliver the food to people in their cars.

Peter James, Superintendent, reported that the abandoned boat was moved to the Vine Street garage. Irrigation of the fields is ready except for the lower high school field. Gatchell's has been seeded and graded and needs water. Work is taking place at the beach pavilion, getting ready for the season. The town has received \$1.8 million in funds to deal with Covid-19. Peter will hire someone to monitor the beach for distancing, etc. Trash barrels have been taken away, and there is a carry in, carry out policy for now at the beach and the parks. The Riverhead boat launch may open on Monday. Two hires for beach maintenance were approved.

There was much discussion about parking at the beach this summer. Since no money can change hands, it was suggested that out of towners buy a "season pass" for a fee (possibly \$150). Some people in town have suggested that this summer, parking be for town residents only. Cars will need to have more distance between them, mostly to limit the number of people actually using the beach. The beach won't be officially opened till the end of June. There will be no lifeguards. The bathrooms will not be opened.

The parking lots for all parks and playgrounds are now open. The trash barrels have been removed because they don't have compliant lids (that you don't have to touch). Such lids would cost \$100 each.

As far as programs go, the only one that can be done safely in Phase 2 is outdoor fitness classes for adults. Family Arts and Crafts can be done safely in Phase 3.

It was approved for the 8th graders to pick up their yearbooks, and take a group picture at Seaside Park. A family wedding request for Crocker Park, just the service, was approved. There was approval for Old North Church to hold outdoor services (if they decide to hold them).

The baseball fields are being prepared if needed. It is proposed to allow throwing practice in Phase 2, and scrimmages in Phase 3. The season might be July, August and September.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 2, at 4:30.