



## OBSERVER REPORT

Recreation and Parks Board: February 2, 2021  
LWVM Observer Kay Rieper

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

### **New Business**

The proposal for a Community Boating Center at the former Parker's Boat Yard was discussed. The Board will keep informed about their plans and their impact on Rec and Park waterfront programs

### **Pickle Ball Proposal**

Bucky Grader presented a proposal to turn Court 1 at Seaside to 4 pickle ball courts. They want to start fundraising. They have over \$5000 and need about \$40000. The Board felt the tennis community and Seaside Nursery School should be invited to the next meeting to give their input. They chose the court farthest from houses for noise consideration, but Linda Rice Collins was concerned about the small children at tennis lessons being near the bathrooms. Bucky said he doesn't care which court is used. There is a capital request for \$65,000 to resurface the courts or \$15,000 to fix the cracks. This could alleviate some of the cost of the pickle ball conversion. At the courts at the Veterans school, an acoustic curtain on the Vine Street side would cost \$7,000, and it's unsure if one side covering would be enough.

### **Bikers**

The bikers issue at Lead Mills is not related to Rec. and Parks. The Department does have jurisdiction over a swath of land from the Hammond Nature Center to the water. Biking is fine on those trails, but there can't be jumps into people walking their dogs, etc. Wyman Woods is primarily designated for nature programs, and the Seaside Woods is a fitness trail.

## **Summer employees**

There was a discussion of beach employees for the summer and plans for a secondary shed at Riverhead to oversee and control the parking there. It was proposed to have the beach and park bathrooms professionally cleaned this summer—twice a day and a deep cleaning once a week. Peter will look into the cost.

## **Facilities**

Peter has ordered the bench to honor Robert Till at a cost of \$1550. Should arrive by March and be installed soon thereafter near Piper Field.

The department is painting the dining room at the Community Center—the supplies paid for by the Council on Aging

They had just finished cleaning up the parking lot before the storm hit. Back to square one

## **Recreation**

There was a positive covid test with one of the coaches. That, combined with the weather, has hurt current programs. Two four-week programs are planned after February vacation.

The idea for a drive-in movie event at the high school parking lot turned out to be cost prohibitive (\$5000).