



## OBSERVER REPORT

**RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION:** Tuesday, July 6, 6:30

LWVM Observer - Kay Rieper

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Chip Osborne. All members were present except the Superintendent, Peter James. Newly elected Board member, Karin Ernst, was introduced, and Chip was re-elected Chairman. Minutes from the previous two meetings were approved.

### **Appearances**

Stramski neighbors voiced their concerns over various items cited in a letter to the Board. These included the planned use of the house, speeding cars, cars blocking fire lanes, need for more trash cans. The house will have sailing classrooms and a small function hall on the first floor, but no commercial use. It was suggested that barriers of some kind (planters) be installed to divide the upper parking lot from the road. Rec and Park does not control the pier or road and cannot enforce vandalism, fires on the beach, dogs on the loose, etc. As far as trash is concerned, most other parks in the state have a carry-in carry-out policy. There is an employee whose full-time job is collecting the trash at all the parks. People dump their household trash in park bins. The Department will install more signage to aid enforcement and clarify the rules. There used to be a park police vehicle that patrolled all the parks at night, but this currently hasn't been in the budget for several years.

The next Commission meeting will start at the upper Stramski's parking lot for a walking tour of the property with the neighbors.

Joe McKane spoke about the pickle ball courts. The courts at Vets are never open during school hours, and he wants to be able to play early in the morning. He asked about progress on the plan to turn one Seaside court into 4 pickle ball courts. The Board will stay with their plan to monitor court usage at Seaside this summer, and to research the noise level for the church and preschool. Linda mentioned the possibility of a dedicated pickle ball facility at a renovated Reynolds Playground.

## **New Business**

Derek spoke of having three big goals for the upcoming year—the Stramski's project, the pavilions at Chandler Hovey which could be condemned, and the renovation of Reynolds Playground. The other members were in agreement. They are waiting for the final report of the Rink Committee. There should hopefully be a decision by August so Rec. and Park can proceed with their plan.

## **Recreation**

Jaime reported her summer programs are in the second week and going well. She is developing some partnerships with the harbormaster and the fire department (which came and sprayed the playground kids on the very hot days). She will discuss future adult programs and some issues with employee benefits at the next meeting.

## **Correspondence**

A letter from the Shattuck fund offering \$35,000 for things not in the normal budget expense (such as labor) to be requested by August 31.

A letter from the Etchell's group expressing thanks for a successful championship. Several requests for weddings and one prayer service. All were approved.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 20 at 7 pm starting at Stramski's upper parking lot.