OBSERVER CORPS REPORT

Recreation and Parks Board: Aug. 19, 2020 via Zoom. LWVM Observer: Kay Rieper

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Chip Osborne. All members except Derek Norcross were present.

New Business

The EYC expressed concern over the increase to \$1 in float rental fees. This could be negotiated since they are by far the largest payer.

Both the Board of Selectmen and Rec. and Parks board have come up with the idea of naming the Community Center for Judy and Gene Jacobi. There will be a joint meeting of both boards in two weeks. If this is approved, a committee with two members of each board and two members of the Council on Aging Board will be formed to plan details for signage, press releases, etc. and also honor the commissioners who put up the building 20 years ago. If donations are made in the Jacobi's honor, it was suggested that landscaping at the Community Center be redone. Linda Rice Collins and Jerry Tucker volunteered to be on the committee unless Derek wants to be on it because his father was a Commissioner 20 years ago.

Facility Needs

A proposal to reinstall the basketball net and pole at Gatchell's for \$6300 was approved.

\$3840 was approved to survey Seaside on the Chestnut Street boundary because of encroachment.

The backstop at the softball field at Vets needs to be replaced by a sturdier one at a cost of \$2875.

Peter also plans to replace the metal guardrail at Devereux with wood and repair the fence at Riverhead Beach.

Programs

Jaime reported \$210,000 in revenue with 2500 participants. Fall programs will happen in small increments in September and October outside. She brought up the idea of adding a fundraising arm for beautification of the properties.

The inner harbor pavilion plans are out to bid and should be done by winter. There are plans for handicapped access. The Chandler Hovey bathrooms roof needs replacement.

Shattuck fund requests.

Chip has been working with Sustainable Marblehead to get hydration stations installed around town. A \$15,000 requests was approved by the Board as well as a request for \$25,000 for a deck and handicap access at the Stramski house.

Permits

A permit was granted for a small group to film a music video at Chandler Hovey for two hours on a week day for a fee of \$100.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 3.