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Recreation and Park Commission, Dec. 3, 2019
LWVM Observer: Kay Rieper

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Attending: Chip Osborne, Linda Rice Collins, Gerry Tucker, Peter James, and Jaime Bloch. Absent: Derek Norcross and Matt Martin

Programs. Jaime reported on the current programs. The gym is being fully utilized, and the revenue is \$5000 over last year. There are some new programs for winter and spring and upcoming holiday events including singalong and breakfast with Santa.

Maintenance. Peter reported on seasonal maintenance issues. Fall cleanup is underway. The last seasonal employee is gone. There was a discussion of better access to the dog park. There is a proposal from a Vermont company to fix the lights and the cracks at the Seaside tennis courts and basketball court. It would cost almost \$100,000, money which is not available. It was decided to approach the Boosters who are raising private donations to fix the high school tennis courts, since the high school teams use the Seaside Courts as well.

Chandler Hovey Pavilion. Plans for this are getting underway. At least \$30,000 is available from the Shattuck fund. In the accounting of the Shattuck fund, there is another \$32,777 available. It was decided to apply this to the Pavilion expense and use any left over for painting the Stramski house.

Budget Cut and User Fee. The Finance numbers for next year will ask for another 10% budget cut. After last year's 10% budget cut, no services were reduced. For next year no more employees can be eliminated. The playing field maintenance can't be cut without

permanently harming the condition of the fields. The idea of a \$15 per child per sport user fee was discussed. This would raise the amount of money needed to offset the 10% budget cut. This has been raised with the various sports groups and there was no negative reaction. This will be formally proposed and voted on at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.