



## OBSERVER CORPS REPORT

### **RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION -11-14-23**

In person – Not Recorded

LWVM Observer – Bonnie Grenier

**Members in Attendance:** Matt Martin, Karin Ernst, Linda Rice-Collins, Shelly Bedrossian, Jaime Bloch, Peter James. Absent- Rossanna Ferrante

**Public Comment Policy:** At Karin Ernst's request the committee discussed the idea of developing a formal policy to address how they will handle public comments at future meetings. They reviewed the Board of Health's policy which is two years old and needs some updating. It was suggested that they reach out to other Marblehead boards and committees in other towns for examples of their policies. Further discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

**FY25 Budget:** Peter presented a first draft of the proposed 2025 budget for the Recreation and Parks Department. The budget is generally level funded with some exceptions that were reviewed; the budget is still a work in progress. Peter informed the committee that he is suggesting three capital requests: a new leaf vacuum for \$8,000 to \$12,000, a new boiler for the Community Center, and a new electric walk behind mower for \$12,000. There was no vote on this matter.

### **Parks Update:**

- Irrigation blowouts have been taken care of with the exception of the Stramski system
- Leaf clean up has been on-going
- Peter has an order in for an infield mix to prepare the ball fields for next season
- Tarps will go down on the fields mid to late December
- They are looking for a tree to plant behind the nursery school
- The light project at Sea Side is moving along – lights have been ordered and the contractor has the necessary permit

**Recreation Update:**

- All fall programming has moved indoors. It's "super busy" inside and they are using every available room for fall activities
- Girls' basketball had a delayed start due to a shortage of coaches
- Gingerbread house decorating will be November 29<sup>th</sup>
- There is a "No School Day" with indoor activities at the Community Center on December 15<sup>th</sup>
- The request for summer proposals and summer job postings will be going out in December
- There is a ski trip to Bradford on January 27<sup>th</sup>