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OBSERVER REPORT

Recreation and Parks Commission

Tuesday, February 16, 2021 5:30 pm
LWVM Observer Kay Rieper

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

Appearances

Leah Goodman, representing East Coast SUP, asked the Commission about the possibility of getting more storage at Riverhead Beach. They have a container at the beach and one across the street for their paddle boards and other items. They would like another 10x10 shed at Riverhead. Also brought up was the possibility of having outdoor spin bike classes. This will be further discussed at a subsequent meeting.

Tamara Sullivan, representing the FDC (farm direct Co-op), asked for permission to again use upper Stramski's parking lot for the distribution of their food, using specified pickup times to alleviate congestion. The Board approved this for one year, keeping an eye on the crowded parking lot during sailing season, and considering possibilities for a minor expansion of both parking lots.

Tracy Ackerman, coach of the MHS girls' varsity tennis team, said she would be okay with having the tennis court nearest the grandstand converted to pickle ball as long as pickle ball isn't being played from 3 to 6 pm during tennis season (usually April to June). Chip has asked the Finance Committee for money to fix the cracks or completely resurface the courts which would cost between \$15,000 and \$70,000, depending on which was done. Tracy asked if the benches could be fixed or replaced. Muffy Paquette reported that the metal benches they bought for the high school tennis courts were not very expensive. Peter will look into it.

Recreation

The Board approved the hire and re-hire of various employees for summer programs including playground, sailing, tennis, nature and drama specialist, and lifeguards.

A family event, mini-golf, will be held on Saturday, February 27, from 3 to 7pm. at Green Street playground. There are still some reservation times available for later times that adults or teens might enjoy.

Facilities

Peter is pricing a couple brands of hydration stations and will coordinate with Jenny Morton of Sustainable Marblehead for the final choice. He has purchased the materials for the Stramski house. The bike racks should be delivered Wednesday. They are painting two walls in the COA office with the materials being supplied by the COA.

Requests

There were 3 requests by the Girl Scouts for use of the Community Center parking lot for drive by cookie sales. The Board approved a motion to give Jaime authority to grant these kinds of requests without having to bring it to the Board each time for approval.