



## OBSERVER REPORT

Recreation and Parks Commission  
Tuesday, March 1, 2022 6 p.m. zoom  
LWVM observer - Kay Rieper

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Derek Norcross. All members were present. The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

### Appearances

Julie Portier Brown appeared on behalf of the Farm Direct Co-op requesting the use of Stramski's upper parking lot Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 till 7:30 starting in June. The request was approved with the suggestion that they look for another site, possibly Eveleth School, for 2023 as there will be more activity with the Stramski house open.

Representatives of the Marblehead Family Fund reported on their progress for the re-do of Hobbs Playground. With \$10,000 from two events, \$113,000 in individual donations, and a grant from the A.D.A. of \$65,000, they have raised \$265,000 of the \$305,000 they need. In two weeks, they will put down a 50% deposit, and equipment will be delivered June 15 after tee ball is over. The Commission has no more money in the Shattuck fund for this year, but they are willing to possibly buy a piece of equipment not covered by the grant.

### Ongoing Projects

Peter James reported that the Rainbow Zone is out for bid, the cost to be shared with Marblehead Youth Baseball, repairs have been made at Gatchell's, the infield at Seaside will be fixed later in the spring as well as the tennis courts. The handicapped entrance to the Stramski's has run into a couple problems that have extended it beyond what is stated in the contract which is a concern.

Members asked for a spreadsheet on how the revolving fund is being used.

### Recreation

Jaime Bloch reported that, sadly, the half day ski trip will not happen because the ski areas have closed during the week to save their snow for the weekends. She plans a bouncy house/mini golf event on March 30. She currently has 3 after school programs

going on at once in the Community Center. Summer programs are in place, and she is already working on fall. She is working on a summer reading program in partnership with the Library. Her main staffing concern is for the sailing program.

#### Other Business

Karin has gotten a positive response from a reference for the website producer.

#### Correspondence

A request from Laurie and Ben Willard to perform dock services at Riverhead Beach will be referred to the town planner, Becky Curran.

A request for a wedding at Chandler Hovey on May 28 was approved pending insurance and that it's only for the ceremony because it is Memorial Day weekend.

Linda Rice Collins suggested that the Commission up the fee for weddings from the current \$100,

The next meeting will be on March 15, hopefully in person. The meeting was adjourned.