



OBSERVER REPORT

Recreation and Parks Commission meeting-Tuesday, August 15, 6:30 p.m.
Jacobi Community Center Conference Room. Meeting In Person- Not Recorded
LWVM Observer - Kay Rieper

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Matt Martin. All members and Jaime Bloch were present. Peter James is on vacation. The meeting began with a presentation by Cynthia Gardner, a resident of Gallison Hill Road, showing how the four memorial benches at the tiny park at the end of her street are too many for the size of the area, and that they hinder the view and ambiance of the area. She asked that maybe two could be moved back farther under the trees. The Commission was sympathetic but doubted anything could be done now that they are in place. They did agree that the placement was not ideal, and that they would work to make sure something like this did not happen in the future. There is currently a moratorium on new benches, and it was suggested that people find other ways (such as planting a special tree) to memorialize their loved ones.

There are currently 23 subcommittees that Commission members serve on, and there was a discussion about combining some and removing a couple.

Shelly Bedrossian has been studying the overall beach policies, what other towns do, and how we might increase our revenues, open earlier, increase staffing etc. This could possibly be implemented for next summer. She and Karin Ernst will work on this.

Karin asked that improvement needs for Fountain Park be requested as a capital expense, and that the Commission do what is needed to put it on the Town Meeting warrant.

The proposed lift at the Stramski House (to be funded by the Shattuck Fund) needs a schematic drawing before it can be done. Repairing the Grandstand and the lights at Seaside will be completed when Peter gets back from vacation. At the next meeting there will be a presentation and discussion of ongoing projects.

There is an easement at Fountain Park stating that the view of Gerry Island cannot be blocked by trees, and it now partially is. Matt will reach out to John Foubert about this.

Recreation

Jaime reported that summer programming is winding down, and fall planning and registration is under way. She will start a soccer program at night in the fall. The net for the repaired court #5 at the Vets just arrived. When school starts, pickle ball hours will revert to 2:30 to dusk on weekdays. The sailboats are out of the water, and she praised her sailing staff for their caring and excellence.

The Corinthian Yacht Club requested use of a parking lot at Devereux for 10 boat trailers from 10/5 - 10/8. This was approved with the fee to be determined.

The next meeting will be September 6 at 7 pm.