



OBSERVER REPORT

Recreation and Parks Commission
Tuesday, March 29, 2022.
Community Center Conference Room
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.

Three members of the “volleyball community” appeared before the commission requesting that their Thursday night-playing time, which was discontinued during the pandemic, be reinstated. They will meet with Jaime to see what can be done.

There was a discussion about the grooming of the baseball and softball fields to make sure that softball gets equal treatment. Some issues on the school fields such as the broken gates at Vets (caused by plowing) should be taken up with the school A.D. Rec. and Parks has repaired the backstop at the softball field and grooms the fields on game days.

Park Update - Peter James

- The tennis court resurfacing at Seaside will start after the high school tennis season is over and should be finished before the summer tennis programs begin.
- The Rainbow Zone “carpeting” should be started about April 11 and will take a couple days.
- The major work on the Seaside infield won’t be done until summer.
- Bids for the roofing at the Nature Center are due Thursday.
- A change order was approved to add \$1800 to the handicap ramp construction at the Stramski house.
- The tarps have been removed, and a thanks to the Fire Department who helped remove them without causing damage
- The lower Village field has been lined for a men’s soccer game this weekend.
- The fields will be ready for youth sports on April 1, much earlier than usual.
- Peter has bought and installed new trough planters at Stramski’s.

Recreation - Jaime Bloch

- March 30th is the Spring Fun Fest at Hobbs in conjunction with early dismissal.
- Thursday evening there will be a program to raise awareness of LGBTQ issues for coaches and all interested people. It will be held in the high school auditorium from 6 - 8 pm.
- Jaime is trying to schedule cleanups by school groups and Sustainable Marblehead so they don't interfere with summer playground programs.
- She is meeting with the Library about the summer reading programs. She hopes to have some books available at the playground venues.
- Winter II programs have been filled to capacity. Spring programs will start after April vacation, and summer program planning is well underway. She has a need for sailing instructors.

Correspondence

- The Commission approved a request to hang a white mesh banner at the Seaside Grandstand in honor of James Galante. It will be the same size as the one at Gatchell's.
- The Commission approved a request to use the Devereux beach parking lot on October 15 from 10 to 11 for the 5K Run for Miles for Mary.
- It was approved for the Democratic Town Committee to use the Community Center parking lot on April 9 from 11 - 3 pm to gather signature for candidates pending the approval of the Town Clerk.
- A request for holding a Sunrise Service on Easter at Devereux was approved.