

OBSERVER REPORT

Recreation and Parks Commission meeting Tuesday, June 14, 2022 7 pm. Community Center Conference room LWVM Observer - Kay Rieper

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

Don Morgan, from the Marblehead Conservancy, could not make an appearance, but the Board approved his request that the Conservancy continue taking care of the wooded area of Seaside Park.

Old and New Business and Parks

The roof on the Nature Center and repair of the steps will be done after July 1. A loss of electrical power is being addressed and will be fixed.

The Seaside tennis courts will be resurfaced at the end of June or beginning of July programs will take place at the high school courts if necessary.

The Seaside infield repair has been delayed but it isn't affecting the baseball players significantly.

The large mower will now be fixed by the end of the week

The plans for the Stramski house have been waiting since early May, for the architect, Walter Jacob's approval before the front stairs can be built. Several other items including water pipes to be installed under the stream, and railings not up to code, are also holding up the project. A loose railing at Crocker Park will be fixed.

The Beach will open June 18. Peter has lost some employees but has two new hires which were approved.

Karin Ernst met with Pal Bickford about the Tree Committee project to beautify the parks. They discussed beginning with the window plans at the Community Center, raising money with donations by checks (no credit cards), and staying with shrubs and flowers (not trees). There will be irrigation for the Community Center projects.

Ben Willard has spoken to several Commission members about working on floats at Riverhead, starting with hauling floats in the fall. He will be invited to the next meeting, along with the current vendor, for discussion and planning.

Recreation

Jaime reported that the playground programs will start June 27. Counselors are being trained. The new sailboats have arrived and will be readied on Monday and Tuesday. The old ones aren't being made anymore and should be useful for parts.

She is planning a "Christmas in July" party with SUP on July 24 which will include a holiday parade, a fire engine and Santa, paddle board races, and maybe a slushy truck. and a picnic dinner from 4 - 6 pm.

She had several new hires for lifeguards, tennis, and sailing, which were approved. The lifeguard positions should be covered on the weekends. Three need to be on duty at a time. At other times, there will be signs at the parking lot and lifeguard chairs that there are no lifeguards on duty.

Correspondence

A resident requested that a tree at Crocker Park be removed, but the Tree Warden said it is not in danger of falling down and this is the responsibility of the Tree Department, not Rec. and Park.

The Commission members will invite Chip Osborne to a lunch on June 25 at noon to present him with his chair. Other interested people are invited to come.