



OBSERVER REPORT

Recreation and Parks Commission meeting
Tuesday, June 28, 2022 7 pm Community Center Conference Room
LWVM Observer - Kay Rieper

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Derek Norcross. All members present: Linda Rice Collins, Matt Martin, Karin Ernst, Rosanna Ferrante, Peter James, and Jaime Bloch.

The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Derek was elected chairman, and Linda was elected vice-chairman. Peter James was re-appointed Superintendent, and Jaime Bloch was re-appointed Recreation Director.

Project Updates

Peter reported on many repair and replacement projects underway including Hobbs playground, the shed at Gatchell's, the Seaside tennis court re-surfacing, (The pickle ball players are requesting a "strap" in the middle of the net, and that the "kitchen" is painted a different color from the rest of the court.) Floats need to be removed from the Devereux beach parking lots by the July 4 weekend, and boat trailers at Riverhead Beach need to be removed after 24 hours. The infield at Seaside should be worked on July 18 and 19. The water line to the Stramski house is waiting for wetlands filing. Both Stramski's parking lots need grading. Town planner Becky Cutting needs to approve the change orders for the Nature Center roof, and draw up contracts for having two vendors at the beach to work on floats. The electrical power at the Nature Center is turned off until a problem is repaired. The railing at the Crocker Park float has fallen into the water, but it was recovered, and will be repaired. The Robies have submitted a plan for native plantings behind their house abutting Chandler Hovey Park which they will pay for.

A memorandum of understanding between the Commission and Bike Mor has been drawn up and will be presented to the Bike Park sponsors after it has been finalized and the insurance is approved.

Recreation

Jaime reported that Playground programs started on Monday. Unfortunately, it rained, but her staff is great, and they got through it. The programs are full with waitlists. She is starting fall planning. July 24 will be "Christmas in July" with Fire Chief Santa.

A sign will be posted at the Gatchell's parking lot allowing parking only for vehicles using the park.

Correspondence

A request to install a bronze duck sculpture at Chandler Hovey was approved with the condition that the size is reasonable.

The Eastern Yacht Club's request for use of the Usher parking lot for boat storage for a regatta from Sept. 7 to Sept. 28 was approved. The Board will ask for a donation of \$150.

A request for a wedding at Crocker Park on Sept 9 from 1-4 for 50 people was approved.

There was a discussion of the dedicated website, whether the cost was worth the benefit. There will be further discussion at a future meeting.

The next meeting will be July 13 at 5:30, and the Sports Committee will meet afterward.