



OBSERVER REPORT

Recreation and Parks Commission meeting
Tuesday, February 15, 7:00 pm
LWVM Observer - Kay Rieper

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman, Derek Norcross. He was approved by the members as the new chairman as Chip Osborne has resigned from the Board (and moved out of state).

Present were Peter James, Linda Rice Collins, Karin Ernst, Derek Norcross, Matt Martin and Jaime Bloch.

The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Appearances

Representatives of the Marblehead High Student Council requested use of the Devereux Beach parking lot from May 1 - 9 for the annual student sponsored carnival. A motion was made and passed approving the request pending proper insurance coverage.

Brian Wheeler requested the following for the Festival of Arts: Crocker Park use for the performances from June 30 through July 5 and for the kite festival at Devereux Beach Saturday, July 3 from 9 a;m - 1pm. This was approved.

Peter James - Parks

The work at Stramski's is progressing. The stream has been cleared out and the water is running freely. This is an ongoing issue. He will need a new mower in the spring.

Jaime Bloch - Recreation

There will now be no masks required except at the programs at Glover and Bell schools in compliance with the schools' mask requirements. Programs are ending and the next round will begin after February vacation. She hopes to have an indoor soccer program

for 4 and 5 year olds, and this summer she is planning a half day community playground program for the same age group. Her assistant Olivia is doing an excellent job and will be playground program director. She is hoping to have a half day ski trip on March 9 (early release Wednesdays) and an inflatable mini golf afternoon on March 30. She is also partnering with the library for monthly meetings for summer reading.

The new ability to use credit cards for registration, as well as making sure there is room in the programs, has increased the early registration revenue significantly.

She will be purchasing 9 new sailboats at \$7500 per boat, delivered, with all the necessary accessories.

She would really like to have the bathrooms at Stramski's available for summer programs.

Miscellaneous

Karin will check references on the website proposal.

The Commission will proceed with their Green Street proposal including the ice rink rebuild.

A request from the M S Society for a walk on May 7 was approved if they can change the time from 9 - 1 to 8 - 12 because of the High School Carnival.