



## OBSERVER CORPS REPORT

### **RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION** -Tuesday May 13, 2025

Jacobi Community Center Dining Room

LWVM Observer: Brigitte Lagoutte

Members in attendance: Matt Martin (Chair), Karin Ernst, Rossana Ferrante, Shelly Bedrossian, Jamie Bloch, Peter James

1. The Minutes from the previous meeting were approved
2. The Department Operation Manual Discussion was postponed because one of the Commission members was absent.
3. Updates on Procurement Projects/ Parks Updates
  - Three bids were submitted for the replacement of lights at Gatchell Park. The bid from Ham electric, for \$21,750, was chosen unanimously by vote. The work will be done in different stages and has to be completed by June 16. A contribution from the Revolving Fund of \$20,000 was accepted by unanimous vote.
  - Seaside Park basketball court: bids came back for the project which involve repainting, replacing the hoops and resurfacing the court. The commission has 45 days to accept a bid. The members voted unanimously to contribute \$10,000 for the project.
  - Reynolds Playground has a problem with a tree which was cut without notice to the Commission by a private citizen. A letter will be sent to the person who has been identified, and the Tree Warden will set the amount of the fine.
  - A meeting regarding a grant for Riverhead Beach is coming up.
  - A new boiler has been installed on Vine Street.
  - The Dog Park (at Reynolds Playground) needs to have its surface smoothed out. A maintenance schedule will be established to maintain the park's condition.
4. Recreation updates:
  - The Recreation Commission will give the Boy Scouts organization a list of Eagle Scout projects to help with the maintenance of the parks (trail maintenance, building boardwalk etc.) This program has been very successful over the years.

- All the summer positions have been filled. The commission voted unanimously to accept the entire slate of young people working this coming summer.
- The Recreation department is projecting to have the summer schedule online and is working on finding a schedule software to put in place.

Correspondence: A couple of letters came to the Commission to express thanks for the excellent work done by Rec and Parks maintaining the parks.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30

Next meeting will be on Wednesday May 28 at 6pm.