



OBSERVER REPORT

RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION

September 19, 2023 7:14 pm
Jacobi Community Center Conference Room

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Matt Martin. Present: Karin Ernst, Linda Rice-Collins, Rossanna Ferrante, Jaiime Bloch. Absent: Peter James and Shelly Bedrossian.

Appearances

Rick Smyers re-presented the plans for Phase II of the bike park. He has plans for 2 wooden bridges to be built by the Recreation and Parks department after approval by the Conservation Commission. Abutting neighbors had been invited, but no one came.

Ken Klaiman presented his personal pickle ball survey. He would like to have more open play time.

Lisa Spinale presented her concerns for the Marblehead pickle ball group which included more weekend hours at Vets, lights on more at Seaside, repairs to the courts, permanent lines on Court 5, porta potties, a storage shed, and an AED.

Karin, Shelly, Jaime and Peter have formed a committee to discuss all the issues surrounding pickle ball, hopefully to satisfy players and neighbors.

The dog park was locked by an unknown source and is being looked into.

Rossanna met with Becky Cutting about the plans for Fountain Park including the new steps and shoe factory. After the cost for the architect plans is established and approved, donations for memorial steps will be solicited.

Recreation

Jaime reported that fall programs are more subscribed than last year with especially high demand for ages 2 1/2 to 3 1/2. She is successfully working with the schools for cooperative programming. She plans for an additional tee ball league on Sunday nights. October 14 will be the Scarecrow Stroll. Commission members are encouraged to make scarcerows for the event. Kits are available at the office if anyone is interested. There will be trick or treating at the stroll, and a \$5 fee. Other upcoming events include pumpkin decorating, gingerbread houses, and elves-in-training. She questioned Hobbs House reserving 6 parking places just for the house, excluding those going to the playground.

Correspondence

The Commission approved a request for a wedding at Crocker Park, June 9, 2024, 11 - 1, for 30 guests.