

Woodbury Parks Committee Meeting
Minutes for June 9, 2020

Present:

Parks Committee Members – John Smith, Denice da Cunha, Rey Hernandez, Marty Nask, Sue Lynch
Board Members – Councilmen Thomas Burke and Tyler Etzel
Working Supervisor Parks – Joey Gianzero

Absent:

Parks Committee Members – Willa Freiband, Mary Porcu

Minutes:

1. Meeting opened with a discussion about whether the committee meeting was open, closed, executive, a work session, or a combination of the above.
 - a. The meeting was not recorded, and Mr. Smith took notes.
2. Purpose of the meeting was to have the committee meet and discuss the results of the pool survey and formulate a statement for the June 15th Town Board's joint meeting with the committee.
3. Mr. Smith wanted to discuss the pool survey questions and the viewpoints that were expressed with each survey question. However, some committee members felt that the survey should be used to get a "feeling" about how the community felt about the pool project. The committee agreed that the survey was not intended to be a vote for any one specific pool design, but just to get an opinion of the project itself.
4. Using Parks Department's survey numbers, Mr. Smith estimated that approximately 25% of the surveys emailed out by the Parks Department were returned, 830 out of 3,300. Some committee members did not agree with the number indicating that it may not be statistically correct since there were surveys published in other publications.
5. Positive comments such as the pool being a highly desirable recreational asset for the town, as well as enhancing property values, were recorded. On the negative side, residents were concerned about the additional taxes, and some thought the REZ was sufficient as a swimming area.
6. In the end, the committee agreed that while we all wanted the largest pool possible, financial concerns would be one of the deciding factors on which pool the Town Board selected. The survey results indicated that Pool Design #3 and the larger Pool Design #4 received approximately the same number of votes. However, it should be noted that about 20% of the vote was for Pool Design #1, the smallest pool design under consideration.

7. Toward the end of the meeting some discussion was held about a potential redesign of the pool, and possibly saving money by reducing the number of mushrooms. Some members thought that these items should be considered as recommendations to the Town Board, but there was not enough discussion, or they were not considered part of the survey.

Submitted by:
John Smith