

Woodbury Parks and Recreation Committee
Special Meeting Minutes
Discussion of the Opening of Earl Reservoir
at The Community Center at the Rez
Thursday, June 18, 2020 at 5:00 PM

In attendance:

John Smith (chair), Rey Hernandez, Martha Nask, Sue Lynch
Parks Director Joseph Gianzero
Supervisor Frank Palermo

Absent: Denice daCuhna, Willa Freiband, Mary Porcu

John Smith opened meeting with a welcome then turned it over to the Parks Director

Parks Director Report: Joe Gianzero

- Earl Reservoir has passed the Department of Health inspection. New guidelines have been published.
- Bathroom use limited to one person at a time with only one stall in use
- Bathrooms cleaned on an hourly basis
- A new Facebook page for the Rez will be maintained and updated with attendance levels if capacity levels are near maximum.
- Residents who do not have their pass yet may temporarily be admitted with their license.
- The whole facility is open. There will be no water fountain, no playground, no rinse off shower station, no pavilion, no sports field usage. Exceptions: **one on one** tennis, soccer, and baseball.
- Another security guard will be hired to ensure staffing levels meet the new security needs
- The expansion of the beach has been completed with addition of new sand, new retaining wall, benches, and plantings.
- Additional picnic tables have been placed around the park to provide for more socially distance seating areas.
- If the park approaches the capacity of 200 people, it will be closed off at the road at the top and a list will be taken to notify people as capacity spots open.
- The usual recreational event planning from the parks department has mostly been put on hold. There are some ideas being considered such as an outdoor movie (either drive-in or walk in with social distancing allowances)
- As this is all new territory changes will occur as needed.
- The Rez will remain open until Labor Day

Question: How to prevent people from walking in from the other side once the top is closed? This will be monitored and addressed, as necessary. Although the beach may have reached capacity there is still allowance for people to use the walking paths and surrounding areas.

Question: What is the protocol if someone refuses to wear their mask? This will be addressed by revoking park pass and involving law enforcement if necessary.

The signage for regulations about distancing and masks have been placed around the park. It was noted that better visibility and permanence should be considered.

Supervisor Palermo requests the Parks and Recreation Committee to consider replacing all the wood picnic tables with plastic in order to have the ability to sanitize. There was discussion of how the existing wood surfaces may be made impermeable, perhaps by applying laminate surfaces. Discussion of whether the wood surface germ transfer rates were so high to necessitate this major expense

The meeting concluded with a tour of the beach improvements.

Submitted SL