

WOODBURY PARKS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 5, 2020, 7:30 pm

Online Meeting - Recorded

Present: Denice da Cunha; John Smith; Marty Nask; Mary Porcu; Rey Hernandez; Willa Freiband; Jackie Hernandez; Thomas Burke; Tyler Etzel; Sue Lynch

1. New committee member Sue Lynch was welcomed. Her email will be added to the committee group list to ensure she receives future notifications. SueMLynch@optonline.net
 2. Parks Operation – Due to questions people are asking about whether there will be summer camp at the Rez and whether our parks and programs will be operating this summer, the Parks Department will put out a statement explaining that the Governor has closed parks and playgrounds until further notice. As to whether the Reservoir will open this year, and to what extent, we are waiting to hear from the Governor's office and the Health Dept. We will let the public know as soon as we hear from them.
 3. Security – There was discussion about debris and discarded gloves left at the parks and Rez. Mary mentioned photos of the groups of picnickers and the people on the playground. Rey confirmed that people from other towns are coming here. Joey will talk with security and tell them to be more vigilant. They need to do more than sit in their cart. They need to be moving about and checking to see that people have park passes as well as ensuring that people walking are practicing social distancing and using masks. Willa asked if we could provide masks at the parks. Tom will follow up to find a supply that we could give to people if they do not bring their own. Walking and fishing will be allowed only if people wear masks and keep social distancing. Mary agreed to disseminate information about these guidelines through the Senior Center or through the Church of St. Patrick's.
 4. Pool Design – In an effort to involve as many residents as possible in the decisions regarding rebuilding the John P. Burke Memorial Pool, it was suggested that we get the price of mailing a postcard to all residents. The ad in the Photo News was useful, but not everyone gets the paper. Joey will price it out and find out if local printers are open. If not, we will look at online printers.
 5. There is still an open question of whether there will be a public vote on the pool bond. Sue suggested that the steps in choosing the pool design should be clarified on social media. Many people assume there will be a vote. Jackie explained the complexities involving the timing, the cost and whether there can be a vote given the back and forth going on between the Board of Elections and the guidelines set out by the Governor. The entire issue lies in uncharted territory. Jackie agreed to put together a short video explain this and that it is possible that there will not be a public vote. It will be put on the different social media pages and on the website.
 6. Pool – Online Survey – About 200 people participated in the survey. Over 2000 people received it. Given the possibility that there may not be a vote, it was agreed that more attempts will be made to reach people. Willa will send out the survey 2 more times to remind people of its importance. The website will include the URL so people can get to the online survey. Flyers will be distributed at the library doors, the post office, outside Jay's and other places for people to see. The public is being encouraged to view the designs and to respond to the survey.
5. Old Business
 6. New Business

Next meeting: June 16, 2020

Submitted WF