

Minutes of Parks and Recreation Department Meeting

September 17, 2019

Present: Tom Burke, Willa Frieband, Denice daCunha, Marty Nask, John Smith, Mary Porcu, Joe Gianzero (Director), Fred Ungerer (Chairman), Jackie Hernandez (Town Councilwoman)

1. Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM
2. Minutes from August meeting approved and accepted.
3. Gatekeeper updates: Two gatekeepers appeared (Michelle Valente from the Rez and Debbie Elmo from the Pool). They shared some of their concerns and issues over the summer dealing with patrons. Among the main concerns were some rude patrons who argued with park rules, possession of alcohol, search of coolers, unattended children, up-to-date passes, etc. The public needs to be reminded of rules (even though they are posted) and if a serious issue arises, Security must be involved. Security personnel will be reinstructed as to their duties and should be more available.
4. Attendance in general has declined, but may be due to a change in community demographics, social, or economic. Will watch trends in the future.
5. Discussion and presentation of plans for a new pool will be announced at a Town Board work session September 19 at 6:15. Parks Dept. is invited to attend to learn about plans. Parks Department has not seen any plans to date.
6. Budget requests – too soon to make final decisions. Will revisit wish list and need to replace some damaged equipment especially those designed for special needs patrons and sound issues at Rec Bldg.
7. New Business: Mrs. Hernandez showed her draft of Guidelines for Use of the new Recreation Bldg. and some suggestions for possible usage schedule. Halloween is scheduled for October 19 from 2-4 PM at Rez and a movie to follow.
8. Old business: signage at Parks and flag and lighting at Brickley
9. Next meeting : 10/15

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM

Respectfully submitted by Mary Porcu 9/18/19