

Yorktown Recreation Commission
Thursday, June 1st 2023
Town Hall Board Room

Commissioners Present: Chairperson Matt Talbert, Vice Chairperson Patrick Cumiskey, Commissioner Joe Falcone, Commissioner Thomas Dunn, Commissioner Christine Dunn, Commissioner John Campobasso, Commissioner Diego Jaramillo

Also Present: James Martorano Jr, Superintendent of Recreation; Kim Hughes, Senior Office Assistant Parks and Recreation; Keen Belfler, Mohegan Lake Association; Maura Gregory; Luciana Haughwout, Town Board Liaison

Chairperson Talbert called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm.

Approval of the May 4th Meeting Minutes: Commissioner Campobasso makes a motion to approve both the May 4th meeting minutes. Vice Chairperson Cumiskey seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.

Tall Timbers Trail Discussion:

Ken Belfler joins the table to provide the Commission with an update to the Heyward Street Field Entrance to Tall Timbers Trail with Maura Gregory. The Mohegan Highlands Property Owners Association approved the proposed connection to the existing trail from the back of the field located on the east side of Heyward Street. The petition was signed by home owners on Heyward Street, Fenimore Ave, Kimball Ave and Scofield Road. All but one home owner was in favor of the proposed trail entrance.

The Commission suggests that in the future a discussion regarding parking is deserved.

Motion made: The Commission Approves the Highlands Entrance and Evergreen Trail Expansion to Tall Timbers Trail as presented with all conditions previously established in the first resolution. No other amendments can be made without going to the Recreation Commission first.

Christine Dunn Seconds the motion

All in Favor

Motion Passes Unanimously

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Martorano provides the Commission an update on the following:

- 99% of children were taken off Camp waitlists.
- Jr Lake Pool is open and Operational. There was a problem with one of the main pumps but that has since been fixed.
- Money is set aside for the DE Tank at Shrub Oak and also a Chlorine Tank at Jr Lake. We need a bid to be out by July with a start date of the project being September 10th 2023. There is a
- Fence Bid is out.

- There is a Laborer Position open, we will be interviewing on Tuesday. We will then be a full Department in Parks and Recreation for the first time in many years.
- We need one or two more full time Lifeguards. Come late August early September we will be short on money and staff.
- The money for the Bids is secured as per the Town Comptroller, but unknown where it is coming from. The Fence bid is coming from the Commission up to \$40,000.00.
- HESP Meeting: HESP complained about poor communication and was unaware of the DEP situation. They were told by the Commission at the last Planning Board Meeting. They are still waiting for DEP approval. Another issue is money. Adam Rodrigues the Town Attorney believes because of the expense that has increased on the project due to drainage, they will want to renegotiate the amount which could maybe kill the deal.
- The Commission believes that HESP did not do their due diligence on what the construction was going to entail.
- Christine Dunn Had a meeting with Supervisor Tom Diana regarding Temp Staff Budget. Revenue for the Recreation Department has gone up and that should reflect in the salary of our Temporary Staff. Even though the price of camp has risen the salary of Temp Staff remains the same. This Department should not have to cut in other places if we are making up revenue. However, we did raise the salary one dollar per hour and will run out of money at some point.
- Inclusive Playground: Two planters will be removed and replaced with fence due to parents not being able to see their children.
- Staff Update: We hired a gentleman Part Time Sunday Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.
- Steve Proctor to maintain Granite Knolls Park.

Town Board Liaison Report:

Chairperson Matt Talbert emailed the Town Board requesting to be on the next meeting regarding the planters at Granite Knolls Park. They are being filled up with trash and it is an issue.

Public Comment: N/A

New Business:

There was a complaint that the Yorktown Soccer was moved to BOCES Field and Hunterbrook Field from AACCCC Field and the field is un-playable. Need understanding why they cannot use the AACCCC Field.

Old Business:

- Route 202 paved for an accessible walkway.
- Par 3 did a great job, quality work. Not ready for DOH yet, but close.
- Engineering report from Embridge. In front of TB on Tuesday regarding this.
- Sponsorship on fields – banners – None

- TURF- A Turf is a major player. Shaw is what we have at Granite Knolls Park. Initial pricing is important. Lantech is priced too high. Sprint Turf is getting a price. Shaw is priced too high.

Vice Chairperson Cumsikey makes a motion to close at 10:12pm. Commissioner Campobasso seconds, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned: 10:12pm.