

Yorktown Recreation Commission
Thursday, September 7th, 2023
Town Hall Board Room

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

Also Present: James Martorano Jr, Superintendent of Recreation; Marissa Lieto, Assistant Superintendent of Recreation; Luciana Haughwout, Town Board Liaison

Chairperson Talbert called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Approval of the July 6th Meeting Minutes: **Commission agrees to postpone voting on the July Minutes.**

Yorktown Veterans Committee:

The Yorktown Veterans Committee representatives discuss with the Commission the naming process and naming inconsistencies of various parks in town including Downing Park/202 Fields and Jack DeVito Gazebo and Veterans Field.

The Yorktown Veterans Committee discusses inconsistencies in park names in marketing and publications.

The Commission recommends reaching out to the County.

The Commission's next steps are to make a resolution regarding all official names of parks and have Town Board mirror the resolution.

Senior Club Proposal – Friends of Jefferson Village Travel Club

The President of Jefferson Village (JV) Travel Club explains the difference between the Jefferson Village Travel Club and the Jefferson Owners Foundation (JOF) Travel Club to the Commission.

The JV Travel Club asks the Commission for a subsidy to make trips more affordable for patrons.

Town Board Liaison Luciana Haughwout informs the Club President she will follow up.

The Commission will wait to hear back from Town Board regarding the subsidy.

Sensory Garden Update Presentation: pushed to October

Public Comment:

Lynne Withers discusses an injury on pickleball courts with the Commission and the delay in response from emergency personnel. The tournament being held at Granite Knolls did not have an EMT present for the tournament. The Commission states it is not currently required.

Chairperson Talbert, Superintendent Martorano and the Commission would like to discuss further regarding a line item for emergency personnel for town tournaments and events next meeting.

Liaison Reports:

Al French, YYSC:

Al French discusses the following with the Commission:

- Soccer tournament
- Used to have volunteer EMTs. The school fields require EMTs present for events.
- Bathroom locks at Granite Knolls. Chairperson Talbert explains the locks are on a timer and currently not sure if the problem is with the lock itself or the electric component.
- Google Docs schedule: says there is a baseball tournament at Granite Knolls but no one knows what it is. Superintendent Martorano believes it was just blocking it out due to the soccer tournament.

Jane and Walt Daniels, NY/NJ Trail Conference:

Jane and Walt Daniels discuss the following with the Commission:

- Possible handicap accessible trail at Sylvan Glen
- Regarding stepping down. Plan to hold a meeting with trail crew members, conference members and more to take volunteers to take over.

Tom Regan, YAC:

Tom Regan discusses the following with the Commission:

- Fall sports are starting
- Update on Legacy turf: The Commission informs there will be a bid put out.

Lynne Withers, Pickleball:

Lynne Withers discusses the maintenance of the pickleball courts with the Commission.

Chairperson Talbert informs Lynne Withers that Oval believes the courts need to be replaced, not just repaired with a cost estimate of around \$150,000. Chairperson Talbert continues that there needs to be commitment from the Town Board to proceed.

Lynne Withers discusses the creation of the trust fund, which currently has no update, and the increasing of pickleball pass prices.

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Martorano reviews the following with the Commission

- Parks Foreman report
- Reviews in-progress bids
- Reviews budgetary issues

The Commission recommends a meeting with the deputy comptroller including Superintendent Martorano and Commissioner Christine Dunn to review ongoing budgetary concerns.

- Hit annual revenue goal prior to Fall programs/events
- Complete skate park repairs this Fall, if proper equipment is available to do so
- Solar project update: should be able to get DEP permits
- The Links (Par 3) doing well
- Movie nights went well
- Halloween events upcoming and Holiday Lights Parade

Chair's Report:

Chairperson Talbert informs the Commission the new fence has been installed at Granite Knolls field on the pavilion side.

Chairperson Talbert informs Commission that they are working on the pickleball fence.

Old Business:

Soccer on Granite Knolls Baseball: The Commission discusses the allowance of soccer on the Granite Knolls turf baseball outfield. Superintendent Martorano makes a recommendation to the Commission to allow ages 12 and under with pop up goals only, specifically local clubs and no outside renters. **Commissioner Christine Dunn makes a motion to not allow soccer to utilize the turf baseball outfield. Vice Chairperson Cumsikey seconds the motion.**

Commissioner John Campobasso, Commissioner Tom Dunn, Commissioner Christine Dunn, Vice Chairperson Cumsikey and Commissioner Joe Falcone vote in favor of the motion. Chairperson Talbert and Commissioner Diego Jaramillo abstain. Motion passes.

ATV Discussion: Superintendent Martorano discusses the ATV assault.

The Commission agrees to ask for a work session with the Town Board in order to discuss repercussions, fines etc. with the Commission's position focused upon use within the parks.

The current Town and State law states ATV use permitted on private property only. Current Town fine is trespassing.

Map of Parkland: no update

Paving of pathway at Rt. 202 fields: Town Board Liaison Haughwout will follow up with the Highway Superintendent.

Update on Shrub Oak Stream: Superintendent Martorano provides the Commission an update regarding the Shrub Oak stream. The Town Engineer wants to do repairs in-house.

Embridge: no update

New Business:

Underhill update: still don't have all permits. Specifications in the contract.

Commissioner Christine Dunn asks about liability regarding injury to patrons seated at the outdoor area closest to the course.

Superintendent Martorano asks Commission for thoughts on Hunterbrook Field improvements. The Commission agrees to schedule a site visit to discuss options and best interests for the park.

Motion to adjourn at 10:17pm