

Madison Beach and Recreation Department
Monthly Commission Meeting
March 2, 2016

In attendance were: Paul Maxwell - Chairman, Mary Pat Nardino, Mike Ciotti, Emily Rosenthal, Scot Erskine Director, Robert Hale Selectmen Liaison, Linda LaSance Assistant Director, Carrie Gazda Recreation Supervisor

Absent: Shane Kokoruda, Joe Oslander, Ted Rahmann, Alicia Sullivan, Bill Piggott

Called to order by P. Maxwell at 7:05pm

I. Approval of Minutes dated January 8, 2016.

Motion made by Nardino to approve minutes.

Seconded by Ciotti

All in Favor

II. Chairman's Report

Nardino motioned to open agenda to discuss actions of April 2014 allowing the use of instructional rooms by public without a paid instructor present. Second by Ciotti. Motion carried.

Discussion centered on operating policy and insurance concerns over this practice. R. Hale pointed out that no actions were ever voted on by Commission in 2014 allowing this practice it was a consensus.

Motion by Ciotti and seconded by Rosenthal to support the written policy that the programming areas of the TC Gymnasium – Specifically the Dance Studio and Activity Room – were not to be used without an instructor of the department present. The public areas covered for use by Recreation Pass holders are the Gym itself and the Fitness room. Motion carried.

III. Public Comments

- a. No Public in attendance

IV. Sections Reports

- a. Bauer Park Report

Erskine reported that three eagle projects had been completed and that the Garden Marker project is progressing. Gardens areas will open up fairly soon. Harvest Festival Committee has begun meeting to plan for the October event.

- b. Rockland Preserve Report

Work progressing on expansion of Rte 79 parking area. Survey work will be done shortly showing intended areas for playground and a possible Dog Park.

“Rocklandia” Event being planned for Trails Day in June with Bike Demos, Food Trucks and guided tours, Event will involve participants from Durham and Guilford. More details to come forth.

Wildflower Trail Hike planned in May.

c. Salt Meadow Report

Main Entrance sign has been ordered awaiting proof. Also interior signs are in the process of being made as well.

Green Up Cleanup day (4/23) Volunteers will be present from committee to educate people about the park.

Committee working on putting together a panel of speakers to talk about how best to manage the grasses and active areas. Other Committees will be invited to come to the discussion when date has been determined.

New members have been added to Committee to replace those that have resigned and the ordinance has been changed to expand the Committee to include 2 Alternates to help with meeting quorum thresholds.

d. Greenway Trail Report

Walk by Liberty Street nearing completion with regard to fencing.

e. Strong Field Report

Safety net was discussed and Ciotti presented a possible solution to help guard against golf balls flying onto fields and possibly hitting someone. Erskine will forward information to M. Ott – Director of Public Works as he is involved with the Strong Field Project.

Quotes are coming back indicating that the \$500,000 for the two fieldhouses is fairly accurate. Bids for the construction will go out in April with a hopeful completion for the Fall of this year.

f. Facilities/Buildings and Grounds

Field Allocation & Assignment Guidelines were tabled as the main author was Shane Kokoruda who was unable to attend. Item will be addressed in April.

g. Programs

Gazda reported that there were quite a few summer programs and camps already on –line and more are being added. Both LaSance and Gazda awaiting word from instructors and reservation contracts for use of the schools for several programs.

h. Personnel

Starting to interview for summer staff and awaiting word from former staff as to whether or not they are going to re-apply.

V. Old Business:

None

VI. New Business

Discussion held on thoughts and recommendations from Staff regarding the beach admission system. Erskine stressed that the system needs to stay consistent in order to work properly and make it easier for not only summer staff to understand but the public as well. He further pointed out that when are exceptions are requested

and granted it has a ripple effect on the system and becomes difficult to manage.

Commission agreed that the system should be consistent. Rosenthal made a motion that the following actions be taken with regard to the admission system:

Nanny Passes – Retired – residents will need to buy daily parking tags for their Nanny’s should they want them to take their children to the beaches or provide a vehicle for them.

Caretaker passes – Retired - \$10 Daily parking tags available for purchase carried. Seasonal Parking Stickers are for those who own a car. No car no sticker. Only the daily tags are available.

Hotel/Motel Passes – Establishments may purchase \$10 daily tags for the guests of the hotel or motel as their guests, similar to those who rent their homes out. Daily tags may be purchased at the Recreation Office in bulk if desired at \$10 per Daily Tag.

Sporting Events/Special Events – As guests of Madison teams or organization conducting event attendees must purchase a \$10 daily parking tag or have a seasonal parking sticker on their vehicle.

Business Owners – Owners who pay taxes to the town may purchase a Seasonal Parking sticker for their personal vehicle not the business vehicle.

Fees: Fees for the 2016 Summer Season will remain the same as 2015.

Second by Ciotti – Motion carried.

Equipment Replacement Fund Request

Erskine requested permission to utilize the equipment replacement account to purchase new chairs and replacement table needed at Surf Club to meet the capacity of 125. Used chairs will come up to the Town Campus Gym for use when Emergency Shelter is open as, at present there are no chairs in the facility. Motion made by Nardino to allow the use the fund for this purpose, Second by Ciotti. Motion carried.

VII. Adjournment

Motion made by Ciotti to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Nardino. All in favor. 8:20pm.