

Minutes
Beach and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, April 5th, 2022
7:00pm
Location: Madison Senior Center

Present: Austin Hall, Rob Card, Mary Patricia Nardino, Pamela Greene, Vince Dussich, Bruce Wilson

Absent: Shane Kokoruda

No members of the Public present

I. Approval of March Minutes

- Motion to approve the minutes made by Greene, seconded by Dussich.
- Discussion noted various typographical/spelling errors.
- Amendment to New Business Item C, regarding Beach Parking Pass pricing, "The members of the Commission agreed that there would be no price changes for the 2022 Season."
- Minutes unanimously approved with amendment.

II. Public Comments

-None

III. Chair's comments

-None

IV. Old Business

A. Sailing Program Update

-Austin has received an application from a previous graduate of the Sailing Program who is very interested in running a revitalized program beginning this summer. The individual has been interviewed several times and has demonstrated extensive relevant experience, has offered a detailed plan for the program, and holds all necessary certifications. Austin expects to be able to make an offer this week. If accepted, the Sailing Program is slated to run for 7 weeks this summer between June and August. The proposed cost will be in line with similar programs along the shoreline.

V. New Business

A. Directors Report

-Departmental updates

- Surf Club Offices
 - Beach and Recreation Department Staff offices will be moved to the Surf Club building sometime this month. This will allow additional supervision of summer staff during the beach season, as well as the opportunity for the public to enjoy one central location for purchasing beach parking passes and registering for programs or asking questions.
- Program Updates
 - Registration for Spring/Summer 2022 is open. There are many new offerings, including Beach Yoga, Beginner Golf, First Down Tots, Sparkle and Spin Dance, Wiffle Ball, E-sports, and STEM programs. Day Trips are back. Summer Escape sessions have all filled and have waitlists.
- Incidents

- A car was broken into at Salt Meadow Park recently, and a purse was taken from the car. Police were notified.
- Projects update
 - Town Campus Tennis Courts are set to be patched and repaired as soon as the weather is consistently above 50 degrees. The repairs should be durable and last until CIP funds allow for complete replacement of these courts.
 - Salt Meadow Pavilion concrete floor has been poured and electric outlets placed. The ground needs to be graded around the pavilion and a crushed stone pathway will be added from the parking area.
 - Also at Salt Meadow Park, Mad4Trees will be planting 18 trees in the parking lot islands on Saturday April 23. These native trees will enhance the area as outlined in the original SMP landscape plan.
- Summer 2022 Information and Updates
 - Summer Staff hiring is underway, many staff are returning. Austin is pleased to have the continuity of excellent experienced staff.
 - Beach Parking Stickers will be required on weekends beginning Saturday May 28 and seven days a week beginning Monday June 20.
 - Gate guard hours 8am-5pm for Surf Club and East Wharf beaches, 8am-8pm at West Wharf.
 - Lifeguards at Surf Club and East Wharf weekends beginning May 28 and 7 days beginning June 20.
 - July 4 weekend will be managed as last year. No passes sold after noon on Friday July 1 for the remainder of the Holiday weekend. Concert on the Green is Saturday July 2. Fireworks on Sunday July 3. Staff will be checking parking passes at the end of Surf Club Road to keep traffic moving smoothly. Parade is Monday July 4.
 - Youth Sports are still in session at the Surf Club fields through the end of June, patience is appreciated on weekends if entry through the Surf Club gate is slow at times.
- Witness Stones Project
 - An ongoing project at The Country School, Witness Stones are placed to memorialize a person who was formerly enslaved and lived in our area, noting their name, dates of birth and death, and accomplishments. The Commission was asked to vote to approve the placement of a Witness Stone on public property near Horse Pond since the Beach and Recreation Department approves the placement of memorial benches and trees.
 - Motion to approve placement of a Witness Stone made by Dussich, seconded by Greene. All voted in favor.

VI. Public Comments

-None

VII. Adjournment

-Motion to adjourn by Greene, seconded by Dussich, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Patricia Nardino

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