

SPECIAL MADISON BEACH AND RECREATION COMMISSION

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, June 9, 2020

MEETING PLACE: Zoom Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rob Card (Chair), Mary Pat Nardino (Vice Chair), Pamela Greene, Shane Kokoruda and Vince Dussich.

OTHERS PRESENT: Scot Erskine (Director of Beach and Recreation).

Rob Card opened up the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Approval of Minutes- Regular Meeting- May 5, 2020:

Mary Pat Nardino motioned to approve the May 5, 2020 minutes and Pamela Greene seconded. Pamela had two minor corrections that were under Operations. The minutes should read that "the gates will be mandated and people will have to show proof of residency." When Strong Field was mentioned, the minutes should read that "when they can grab their goodies on the bleachers." Mary Pat Nardino had a minor correction under State of Operations. About six lines down the minutes should read "Summer Escape."

The minutes were approved with all five commission members present in favor.

Public Comments:

None.

Chair's Comments:

Rob mentioned that he had a call from a citizen who had sent a note out to the First Selectwomen Peggy Lyons. She reached out to Rob and Scot Erskine (Director of Beach and Rec). The call was about what additional life saving devices they have on hand when lifeguards are not available. He said Scot will look into that and get back to the committee. There were concerns about the porta potties and because of that they were moved. Rob mentioned that June is the last month of the Fiscal Year and that July starts a new year. He mentioned at some point that there are topics that the commission would need to have a discussion about. The topics were; how do the Beach and Recreation Commission provide value, asset management, projects and project management, programming and subcommittees.

Director's Report:

- 2019-2020 Budget Status- Scot mentioned he sent everyone a projected end of year status that will be turned back to the town on June 30. He said there maybe some minor adjustments because some sports can start after the 17th. Other sports that are more contact start in July. The sports would be lacrosse and football. He mentioned that baseball and softball will be starting up soon. He will meet with all the leagues to figure out scheduling and how to properly social distance the kids. Baseball and softball are a moderate risk. Golf would be a minor risk. He mentioned he had to order more portalets at the surf club because of the bathrooms being closed. Life guards for the last two weeks are on a 5 day a week schedule. He said that last week the surf club closed because they were at maximum capacity. He is working with First Selectman Peggy Lyons to see what the cost would be for the lifeguards to work seven days a week. June 17 is when the fields can be used. Lacrosse cannot start until after July 7. All bathrooms at the beaches are now open. Scot mentioned the beaches can hold 250 cars so that is 50% capacity for the town.
- 2020-2021 Approved Budget- Scot talked about the new budget. MP mentioned that any add ons to the budget did not happen because the budget never went to referendum because of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Project Updates- Scot stated that all the beaches are up and running now. They will be maned as of the 20th on a regular basis. He said all staff has been hired. The schedules have been developed. There was an Eagle Scot Project at East Wharf installing a flag pole that is lite. It is by the gazebo. He mentioned they are working on fencing estimates for the canoe and kayak launch. They did get the floating docks at West Warf installed and they are complete with the exception of rub rail down below. He mentioned they are getting an estimate for restricted fencing that will go on top of the Warf. People will not be able to get on the Wharf side or the fire boat. Scot mentioned that they back filled the bulk head at Garden Point.
- Beach Pass Sale Status- Rob mentioned there were questions people had about the tables at the beaches, trash pickup and any incidents that might be occurring. Scot mentioned that they are still following the CDC rules as far as the tables at the beaches. Right now people can bring their personal grills to the beaches if they want too. The restaurant at the beach has tables outside and is up and operating, Gate guards are only at the beaches Friday, Saturday and Sunday. At this time only residents can go to the beach. The Police Department is doing shore patrols.
- Staffing Update- Scot talked about the staffing and what the schedule would be. He said they are fully staffed with lifeguards. There will be a total of nine or ten lifeguards Scot mentioned.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Public Comments: None.

Adjournment:

The meeting ended at 8:15p.m. Vince motioned and Shane seconded to end the meeting. All five commission members present were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristen Panzo