

Yorktown Recreation Commission
Thursday January 5th, 2023
Town Hall

Commissioners Present: Chairperson Matt Talbert, Vice Chairperson Patrick Cumiskey (joined late), Joe Falcone, John Campobasso, Christine Dunn, Diego Jaramillo (joined late), Thomas Dunn

Also Present: James Martorano Jr., Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, Luciana Haughwout, Town Board Liaison

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

Approval of October, November, and December Meeting Minutes as revised by Vice Chairperson Patrick Cumiskey: **Commissioner John Campobasso makes a motion to approve minutes as revised. Commissioner Joe Falcone seconds the motion. All Commissioners present vote in favor of the motion. Motion passes.**

Note: Vice Chairperson Cumiskey and Commissioner Diego Jaramillo were not present at time of vote.

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Martorano updates the Commission on the following:

- Polar Bear Plunge will be postponed to January 21st
- DEC inspection of Sparkle Lake scheduled for 1/6/2023
- Turf Replacement Line: TE0037.2: \$498,677.23
- Projected Revenue 2022: \$1,257,500.50. Actual Revenue 2022: \$1,261,707.91
 - Commission discusses projected goals from 2022 and new projected goals for 2023. See attached document for details.
- Cameras at Granite Knolls are on but not recording.

Chairperson Talbert provides an update on the Legacy sinkhole. Commission discuss compensation for town personnel and loss of use of field.

Chair's Report: N/A

Town Board Liaison Report: N/A

Liaison Reports:

Tom Regan, YAC

Chairperson Talbert informs Tom Regan there is not set date on reopening of Legacy Field and suggests schedule the Spring as normal with Legacy in use.

Superintendent Martorano informs Tom Regan the solar project at Granite Knolls will not occur this year.

Jane Daniels, NY/NJ Trail Conference

Jane Daniels informs the Commission the Christmas tree has been removed from Turkey Mountain

Superintendent Martorano informs Jane Daniels the official letter to residents for the Sparkle Lake walkway are ready to be sent out.

Jane Daniels explains the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) between the Trail Conference and the Town to the Commission.

Lynne Withers, Pickleball

Lynne Withers requests to have the pickleball nets remain up throughout the winter.

Chairperson Talbert replies not at Granite Knolls, could use Blackberry Woods instead.

Provides update on indoor pickleball at French Hill: not many participants. People find website confusing, or are going to other indoor locations such as Club Fit or Solaris.

Spring/Summer League submissions to be discussed in new business.

Bob Giordano, Friends of Yorktown Parks and Recreation

Polar Plunge rescheduled to January 21st.

Pool and Camp Rates:

Commissioner Joe Falcone makes a motion to increase 2023 Camp rates by 2.5%.

Commissioner John Campbasso seconds the motion. All present in favor. Motion passes.

Note: Vice Chairperson Cumiskey and Commissioner Diego Jaramillo were not present at time of vote.

Commissioner John Campbasso makes a motion to increase 2023 Pool Membership rates by 15%. Commissioner Joe Falcone seconds the motion. All present in favor.

Motion passes.

Note: Vice Chairperson Cumiskey and Commissioner Diego Jaramillo were not present at time of vote.

Field Rental Rates 2024:

Chairperson Talbert postpones the proposal of 2024 field rates to April with a suggested vote in May.

Tennis/Pickleball Membership:

Proposed rates: Resident: \$40; In-State Nonresident: \$150; Out-of-State: \$50 per month

Vice Chairperson Cumiskey joins the meeting.

Vice Chairperson Cumiskey suggests sending a memo to the Town Board to set up the Tennis/Pickleball replacement and maintenance account.

Chairperson Talbert makes a motion to create a \$50 out-of-state monthly membership for each calendar month. Vice Chairperson Cumiskey seconds the motion. All vote in favor of the motion. Motion passes. Note: Commissioner Diego Jaramillo was not present at time of vote.

Chairperson Talbert makes a motion to increase the in-state nonresident rate to \$150 pending the creation of the Tennis/Pickleball replacement and maintenance account.

Commissioner John Campbasso seconds the motion. All vote in favor of the motion.

Motion passes.

Note: Commissioner Diego Jaramillo was not present at time of vote.

Public Comment: N/A

New Business: N/A

Old Business:

Vice Chairperson Cumiskey provides an update on the HESP solar project. DEP permit not yet acquired and have an updated staging plan. Need a definition of what is considered unreasonable.

Vice Chairperson Cumiskey requests park usage data to support the closure of 50% of the parking lot as unreasonable for the park to remain operational.

Commissioner Diego Jaramillo joins the meeting.

Superintendent Martorano and the Commission discuss ideas for Hunterbrook field.

Superintendent Martorano updates the Commission that the Parks Laborer position as been filled.

The Commission discuss the stream erosion at Shrub Oak Park. Superintendent Martorano is thinking of blocking off walkway between the roller rink and will still have access to tennis courts and roller rink but not between the two.

The Commission discusses updates on Commission appointments. Currently there is no resolution regarding Diego Jaramillo being permanent and resolutions are needed for both Diego Jaramillo and Christine Dunn.

Commissioner Christine Dunn discusses the Rt. 202 field accessibility and will reach out to the Accessibility Committee and Luciana Haughwout, Town Board Liaison.

The Commission discusses closure of Granite Knolls Park.

Commissioner John Campobasso makes a motion to close Granite knolls Park due to health and safety reasons from when safety nets come down to when they go back up. Vice Chairperson Cumiskey seconds the motion. Votes: Vice Chairperson Cumiskey, Commissioner Jaramillo, Commissioner Campobasso, Commissioner Falcone and Chairperson Talbert vote for the motion. Commissioner Tom Dunn and Commissioner Christine Dunn vote against the motion.

Motion passes.

Commissioner Christine Dunn notes that with proper fencing, a Park Attendant present and vandalism being prosecuted the Park could easily stay open.

New Business: N/A

The Commission enters closed session at 9:20pm.