

Yorktown Recreation Commission
Thursday, March 7th, 2024
Town Hall Board Room

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

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

Absent: Commissioner Christine Dunn

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

Approval of February 8th Meeting Minutes: tabled until next meeting.

Renaming of Granite Knolls Park in honor of Tom Diana

Chairperson Talbert makes a motion to update the park name to Tom Diana Park at Granite Knolls Recreation and Sports Complex. All Commissioners present vote in favor of the motion. Motion passes.

Garden Club Revitalization of Patriot Park

Garden Club Representatives distribute packets and present their 3 phase plan proposal to revitalize Patriot Park to the Commission, with a focus on Phase 1.

Phase 1: removal of current plants from the park's main circle and plant native drought resistant plants and flowers.

Phase 2: replant along embankment with erosion control plants

Phase 3: remove invasions and plant native wildflowers in grassy area beyond circle and embankment.

The Garden Club applied for AARP grant that could fund the majority of the project.

The plan being to plant in Fall, with help from the Town to get water to the site during the first Spring season while plants are being established. Once plants are established, maintenance should be low.

The Commission and Garden Club discuss watering. The Commission states they will look into getting water there and will reconvene next month.

Vice Chairperson Campobasso states the Garden Club provided a great proposal and project for an under-utilized park.

Chairperson Talbert states the Garden Club should provide the Commission with a full maintenance plan before moving forward.

Superintendent Martorano states he will reach out to the Veteran's Committee and the Planning Department.

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Martorano provides the Commission an update on the following:

- Legacy Turf: ribbon cutting Friday March 8

- The Commission would like the contractor to provide a letter stating the field is ready to be played on. The Commission discusses withholding payment for deficient work and to get a third party to inspect the field.
- Brochure is online. Registration dates:
 - March 19 at 9:30am – Day Camp registration opens
 - March 21 at 9 am - General program registration opens
 - May 6 - Pool registration opens
- Camp Staff - in need of Medical Director
- March 23 - Easter Egg Hunt
- 202 Field drainage problem
- Sinkhole at Patriot Park
- Hunterbrook Field: seeded but no large changes. Needs better parking. Highly utilized and needs attention. PD chief requests a fence between the upper and lower fields
- Pools: RFQ - 8 different ideas for the coping.
 - Junior Lake slide about a year from needing resurfacing
- Pickleball Court: Department to do the drainage
 - Make an option: nets with sleeves or no sleeves and external netting system

Town Board Liaison Report:

Town Board Liaison Haughwout updates the Commission on the rec fee legislation. Current draft legislation for \$7500 a door, if a property being used nearby for active recreation there will be a discount per door.

New Business:

Town Board Liaison updates the Commission about Par 3. A new structure was built on the property without the proper permits and there is a stop order on the work.

Old Business:

Commissioner Cumiskey asked about map of parkland. Superintendent Martorano informs that the new map is in the brochure.

Commissioner Cumiskey reminds Superintendent Martorano to distribute the Capital Improvement Plan and add it to the Superintendent's report.

Commissioner Cumiskey reminds Superintendent Martorano to include the Trust and Agency balance in the Superintendent's report each month.

The Commission would like an update on previous golf company lawsuit.

Commissioner Cumiskey updates the Commission on HESP. Indemnified each other to mutually not sue each other after contract termination.

The Commission and Superintendent Martorano discuss the Par 3. Their lease fee increases each year and the revenue is accounted for in the budget and therefore the money cannot be utilized by the department. They are working on removing the debris from the wetlands that was left there by previous company, which could result in a fine if not dealt with.

The Commission agrees to follow up on the Legacy fence padding.

Motion to close at 9:12 pm.

Meeting adjourned.