

HUNTINGTON WOODS PARKS AND RECREATION
ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA
TUESDAY, September 29, 2020
7:30 pm
Remote Meeting – Not at Recreation Center

Members present: J. Zieldorff, J. Aisen, J. Steinhart, A. Philko, K. Tarnopol, F. Spencer, M. Ceaser, Mary Gustafson

Members absent: S. Cohen

- I. Call to Order by Chair, Jeff Aisen, 7:36pm
- II. Approval of Agenda for September 26, 2020: all approved
- III. Approval of Minutes from May 26, 2020: Motion: J. Steinhart, all approved
- IV. Student Representative Appointment: Mia Ceaser has been approved as the new student representative to fill the vacancy left by Eleanor Daniel
- V. Correspondence: Amy Sullivan sent a memo regarding the future of Val Jones Park. The memo was sent because of past complaints about the park. The park has not reached the end of its useful life, per DNR. The inline rink is in disrepair and a decision needs to be made regarding repair. The board has taken the memo under advisement and will address the future of the park closer to the end of the useful life.
- VI. Public Participation
 - a. Joanne Kristal – Concerned about the condition of the tennis courts. She would like to confirm that the tennis courts will be repaired. Per Mary Gustafson, the money has been allocated and repairs will be redone in the spring.
 - b. Todd Sperl – President of South Oakland County Soccer. SOCS would like to invest in the maintenance of Men’s Club Field or other fields used by the organization. Todd is speaking to the Berkley Schools Superintendent about partnering on addressing the conditions of fields at schools, including Burton.
- VII. Items of Business
 - a. Ballot Proposal Support – Relative to recreation funding and expanding for who will be eligible for funds. The proposal expands who can apply for grants, including renovation of recreational facilities. mParks is looking for community support like commission resolutions. Motion to support the proposal and request City Commission resolution: J. Zieldorff, all approved
 - b. Baseball Infield – Getting quote to laser level the infields at Burton. J. Zieldorff suggested reducing the size of the fields to be more appropriate for smaller children. J. Zieldorff said dugouts need repair. Mary is looking into various funding opportunities.

- c. Track Repair – Resident recently fell and was injured. Tree roots are raising the surface. HWP&R is getting a quote on correcting the situation.
- d. COVID-19 Programming – Jen has been working with the seniors during the pandemic to keep them connected. Donation was received to cover 3 months of postage. Flu shot clinics coming up and additional one added based on interest. Oakland County kids programming “On the Road” was very successful. Dog walks and pet advice was introduced as new programming. Numerous in-person programs have been launched like sports, scavenger hunts, bingo, hay day, food trucks, etc. Preschool program starts Monday. Mornings only and 10 per class. Gym may be re-opened for private reservation.
- e. Peasley Park Port-a-John – Resident on Balfour complained about placement of port-a-john. The Board feels that the port-a-john is an important amenity at the park but will consider whether it could be relocated but still accessible to the truck that cleans the port-a-john.

VIII. Department Update: There is an opening on the board now. The City Commission isn't adding people to boards at this time because they prefer not to interview people virtually. Funds for tennis court have been reinstated. Both sets of courts will be repaired. Parks and Rec needs to resubmit request for funding for Reynolds Park exercise equipment if the Board chooses to continue to pursue this project. Mary Gustafson is retiring in February after 26 years total. The job will be posted in November, including on State recreation site.

IX. Plan of Action for next Meeting: The next meeting will be October 27th.

X. Board Member Comments

- a. A. Philko – Asked about the bike share and whether they have been used. Mary will follow-up with Mogo.
- b. M. Ceaser – Glad to be a part of the board.
- c. J. Steinhart – Thank you to Parks and Rec for the creative programming.

XI. Adjournment, 8:36pm, J. Aisen