

Yorktown Recreation Commission
Thursday, February 1, 2024
Sparkle Lake Service Building

Commissioners Present: Chairperson Matt Talbert, Commissioner Thomas Dunn, Commissioner Joe Falcone, Commissioner Christine Dunn, Commissioner John Campobasso

Also Present: James Martorano Jr, Superintendent of Recreation; Marissa Lieto Assistant Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, Luciana Haughwout, Town Board Liaison; Kim Hughes, Senior Office Assistant.

Absent: Vice Chairperson Patrick Cumiskey, Commissioner Diego Jaramillo

Chairperson Talbert called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Approval of the January 4th 2024 Meeting Minutes:

Commissioner Talbert makes a motion to approve the February 4th meeting minutes. Commissioner Tom Dunn seconds. All Commissioners present vote in favor of the motion. **Motion passes.**

Camp Rates 2024 Discussion

Motion: Full Day Camp increase of 7.58% Second child 7.67 % Third child 7.75% Fourth child 7.84%
Half Day Camp increase of 7.7% Second Child 7.92% Third child 8.08% Fourth child 8.25%
Extended Day Camp 0% increase
Teen Travel Camp 7.51% increase Session one 7.89% Session two 8.23%

Motion made by Commissioner Joe Falcone and Second by Commissioner Tom Dunn. Opposed by Deputy Chairperson John Campobasso. **Motion passes**

Pool Rates 2024 Discussion

Councilwoman Luciana Haughwout suggests that advertising the amenities that the two Town pools have to offer would benefit everyone and help to support the Pool Rates. The Commission suggest talking about setting up special events at the pools for next year.

Motion: Pool Rate Increase of 6.52% with the authority of the Parks and Recreation Superintendent James Martorano, Jr. to round up to the nearest dollar, without exceeding 7% across the board.

Motion made by Commissioner Joe Falcone and Second by Commissioner Christine Dunn. All in favor.

Motion Passed

Fence for Granite Knolls and Legacy Field

Motion made by Deputy Chairperson John Campobasso approving \$12,000.00 to purchase a 4-foot-tall fence padding to protect the existing fencing at Granite Knolls Park. Second by Commissioner Joe Falcone. All in favor. **Motion Passed.**

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Martorano updates the Commission on the following:

- Skate Park Re-Construction stage 3 is the hardest stage and it is very tedious but it is mostly done. Looking like opening of April 1, 2024.
- Solar Project is dead, Resolution has been sent from the Town Board.
- Veterans Field: A memorial bench was recently installed and one more is on the way. A Memorial tree will be planted and one in Shrub Oak park as well.

- Andrew Cerrato the Assistant Foreman of the Parks Department has been working on an inventory list and organizing the stock of tools and items in the Parks Garage. Camp supplies are also being organized to help with purchasing in the future.
- The new 5910 Engine is at the Water Department being worked on.
- APAR is finished.
- Town is working with YAC on a new shed at Legacy Field.
- Pickleball Court Bid just started.
- Shrub Oak Pool DE tank is almost done. Need to hire an Engineer.
- May 1, 2024 the wall at the Stream Bank will begin to be built. Need to rent a vehicle to do that construction.
- Grant for Trees for Tribes. Grant Program from The NYS DEC. We have brainstormed a process to purchase trees using the Tree Fund with The TCAC for future purchases.
- Putting in a bid to repair the pumps at Shrub Oak Pool.
- Snowman contest open.
- Brochure Bid was Awarded to Graphic Image.
- Bus Bid also awarded.

Town Board Liaison Report:

- Councilwoman Haughwout: Tomorrow the resolution to finalize Pickleball with Town Comptroller will be done.

Chair's Report:

- Chairperson Talbert provides the Commission with an update on the Legacy Field turf replacement. It is looking fantastic. There are some repairs needed. The seams are noticeable. They should settle down after use for a year. There is a scheduled ribbon cutting for March 1st 2024. Superintendent Martorano is not available. It will be rescheduled to March 8th 2024 at 4:00 PM for the Grand Opening of Legacy Field. It will remain closed until then so the Parks Dept. can continue to work.
- The Parks and Recreation Staff is going against the Rec Commissions wished regarding the fees for grass fields. Information was requested from the Town and it was not received. The Commission does not see a need for fees to be in place. If Clubs are securing the fields make sure you show up when scheduled and keep the fields clean.

Liaison Report:

- Handicap Accessible Trail at Sylvan Glenn is not possible until the water issue from the culvert is resolved. The Superintendent will look at the issue and see what can be done.

Public Comment:

- None

New Business:

- Deputy Chairperson John Campobasso: Bond Vote in Yorktown Public School District for new pickleball courts.
- Deputy Chairperson John Campobasso: Without Funds from the Town, events should not be scheduled.

- Deputy Chairperson John Campobasso: As a Commission if we are voting on things and the funds are not being given to the Superintendent to run the event then it is pointless for the Commission to vote.
- Councilwoman Haughwout is working on Town Code; If the Town is given useable land that will bring in revenue we will take it if it is not useable we will not take it.
- Commissioner Joe Falcone informs the Commission of a discussion about naming the Granite Knolls Sports and Recreation Complex after our late Supervisor Thomas P. Diana. The subject is tabled for later discussion.

Old Business:

- Atomic Veterans War Bridge Signs are almost done. The Parks Department will install the kiosks on the bridge when complete.
- Chairperson Talbert has concerns about the posts that will be put in the ground for the new pickleball courts. Would like a conversation about purchasing better nets that will last.

Motion to adjourn at 9:00 pm