

Macedonia Parks & Recreation Commission
March 17, 2021

ATTENDANCE: Jason C., John H., Jeremy, Karen, Jessica, Barbie, Jason H., Staci

Absent: Joe

Guests: Faith Kover, Jamie

1. Public Comments:

- a. Faith Kover – Ridgeview Dr. 2012, trees. Mayor K approved baseball field to move, removed trees and some died off and not being replaced. Numerous conversations. Direct path from playground to my backyard. No permits on property, Dominion said things can be put there. Drug deals and other issues in parking lot. Nothing more she can do to plant things. States spent thousands of dollars on planting. Fence from her yard wouldn't help because she has raised property. Is proposing City does fence and would need approval from Dominion. Or plants new trees.
- b. Jamie – saw redoing trails behind Sugarbush. Wants to make sure her property stays clear. Please make trail avoid her area and not look like it steers towards her lot.

2. Approval of Minutes – February

Motion to Approve: Councilmember Brandt, Barbie 2nd

3. Parks

- a. Sugarbush Resident – Jeremy stated let's research and come back to the table.
- b. Updates: End of this month a company is coming out to regrade. Sugarbush infield extending 10'. Not able to get onto trails due to weather. Storm sewers being put in in between fields at Longwood. Field work will be done for baseball. Field D in the back will still be worked on. Shade structures and bleachers now in. Getting quotes for sidewalks for ADA compliance, 2 of 3 quotes in. Karen asked about Sugarbush sign, John is working on this, maybe get park entrance 1000' ahead.

4. Recreation

- a. Events:
 - i. Friday, March 19 Egg Hunt
 - ii. Saturday, April 24 Earth Day Event
 - iii. Sat/Sun, May 15 & 16 City Garage sale
 - iv. Fri/Sat June 4 & 5 SummerFest," Spirit of Macedonia"
- b. Recreation Building Projects: New logo almost done, staffing restructure being proposed, facility lighting through NOPEC grant (\$29,000), main building heat duck, parking lot and facility closure.
- c. Updates: Currently working on rental policies and examining non-profit rate. Gabbie is completing internship this month and we would like to have her give presentation for next month's meeting. Current programs: dodgeball, swim lessons, diving, Manta Rays swim team, Challenge Island, fitness, and preparing for all summer programming options that we will be offering.

5. Budget

a. Updates:

- i. Recreation: Equipment sales

6. New Business

a. Windmill negotiations

- b. Discussion of recreation center expansion support? Northfield Center, Sagamore Hills interested in talking, Village we have inquired, not sure of opportunity.

Looking into funding sources, no intention of going to voters.

- i. PRC supports this expansion effort, just wants to ensure community has time to enjoy as well, not just rentals and leagues/tournament.
- ii. Nordonia Hills to possibly join and work together, also work on an overall levy. Jeremy interested in helping if needed. Could look at similar relationship as Fire Department.
- iii. Staci highlighted School Board going for a Bond Issue in 2022 for building replacement and repairs.
- iv. Pool discussed and a splash park, cost wise not as viable right now.
- v. Dog Park brought up – Previous director didn't wish to do this. Today a new request to Councilmember Tulley and she asked us to do it. Stow has a 501-c3. From Twinsburg - Liberty Park, what is the usage and cost, insurance?
- vi. Can we do a survey for needed amenities. Benchmark other cities to see how they survey. Let us work towards fall overall survey.

7. Next Meeting

a. April 21, 2021

Adjourned: 7:45pm Councilmember Brandt, Barbie.