

MINUTES OF APRIL 26, 2023 RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

TO: Board of Commissioners of Cultural and Recreational Affairs

DATE: April 26, 2023 7:30 P.M.

PLACE: Senior Recreation Center, 6 Golf Club Lane

1. Call to Order:

P. Blake ___X___ M. Ryder ___X___ C. Siragusa ___X___ G. Li ___X___

W. Garry ___X___ K. Russo ___X___ J. Courtney ___X___

Others: Sandra Young, Steve Espey, Andrea Genna, Felicia Lovaglio

A group of six residents

2. Preliminary: Residents comment time – any comments can be made relating to agenda items.
- a. Several Pickleball players spoke to the Commission regarding the availability of outdoor courts now that the indoor season is concluding. Concern was expressed that there may be conflicts on some of the courts with tennis players wishing to use the courts. Mr. Blake explained that there are now two dedicated Pickelball courts available at Grove Park, and reviewed the Department's use policy for the remaining tennis courts in the five neighborhood parks. It was decided to continue the current system of "first come, first use", with a sign in/wait list being established when needed. Should the situation change, the Commission will discuss possible changes to this system.
- b. Three residents spoke to the Commission regarding conditions on the playing fields at St. Paul's. There is concern that the grass is not in good condition, and that improvement is needed. The current turf management program was reviewed, and Mr. Blake expressed that what is really needed at these fields is for them to be rested from time to time. Mr. Blake went on to say that all of the small "window" fields adjacent to Stewart Avenue, and two large fields will be taken out of service at the conclusion of the spring season, and will receive substantial renovations over the next year.
A meeting was scheduled at the St. Paul's Fields to review the treatment program as well as the current conditions of the field.
- c. A resident spoke to the Commission urging the establishment of an indoor swimming pool in the Villlage.
3. Disposition of Minutes:
January 18, 2023 On a motion by Ms. Russo, seconded by Mr. Ryder, the January minutes were approved unanimously.
4. Deferred Matters:
5. Announcements/Correspondence:
6. New Business:
- a. Senior Center. Mr. Blake reported on the re-opening of the Senior Recreation Center and briefly addressed the few punch list items still to be completed.

7. Other Business:
 - a. Capital Projects Update: Mr. Blake reported on the current Recreation projects
The new safety surface at St. Paul's playground will be installed in the next few weeks
The tennis court at Nassau Haven will be renovated in late spring
The Community Park retaining wall is going out to bid in the next week or two
 - b. Pool Staff: Mr. Espey reported on the interviewing and hiring process for the upcoming season.
8. Reports:
 - a. Paul Blake
 - b. Staff Reports
 - c. Any Commission member wishing to report:
 1. M. Ryder
 2. G. Li
 3. C. Siragusa
 4. W. Garry
 5. K. Russo
 6. J. Courtney
 7. M. Sullivan
8. Residents Comment Time – any comments relating to non-agenda items may be made.
9. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm