

## **Parks and Recreation Advisory Council Meeting**

**Wednesday Nov 29, 2023**

**6:00 pm Port Jefferson Village Center Harbor Cove Room**

### ***Attendance:***

#### **Council Members:**

Beth Capodanno

Robert Gross

Mary O'Sullivan

Tom Provencher

Dana Eng

#### **Liaisons:**

Bob Juliano

Stan Loucks

#### **Department Heads:**

Renee Lemmerman

Dave Melious

Call to order by Robert Gross at 6:05.

### ***Updates***

#### **A. Parks- Stan Loucks and Dave Melious**

Stan had the Rotary Club do a brief presentation about *sponsoring* a Peace Pole in the HarborFront Park. Details are noted in the New Business section. The Rotary Club will sponsor the cost of the pole with an additional grant that will fund the installation.

Numerous languages can be displayed on the pole, so a selection of the various languages in addition to English will need to be done.

All advisory members present unanimously agreed it's a good idea and approved of the installation.

Dave suggested several areas in the park near the Farmer's Market sign so that the pole is highly visible for residents and visitors.

All advisory members present unanimously agreed that would be an appropriate location for the Peace Poll.

Stan discussed the importance of selecting a Secretary, Alternates and Vice Chair. Alternates are now Council members. ( Mary and Tom) So we need two alternates. It was suggested that possible alternates attend the next meeting in January before committing to the group.

#### B. Recreation - Renee Lemmerman

1. Halloween recap 2023 - very successful and well attended event
2. Beach hours 2024 - Proposed new hours for 2024 season: M-F 11am- 6pm and S and Sun 10:30-6 pm. After some discussion, and considering Brookhaven Town is adjusting their hours the same way, the council unanimously agreed to the new hours.
3. Proposed Code change for P & R Advisory council - Discussed term limits and looked at a list of possible alternates for the committee.
4. Room Rate change - adjusted weekday meeting rates to not reflect an increase
5. Secretary for P & R Advisory Council - Beth Capodanno volunteered to take on the task having no experience with the position.
6. New meeting dates - Third Wednesday of the month will change to the FIRST WEDNESDAY OF the month. Next meeting will be January 3, 2024 at 5 pm. All committee, Liaisons and Department heads agreed an earlier start time would work best.

#### III. Village Center-

Dave Melious discussed the maintenance and decorating of the village for the holidays. He also discussed the softball fencing issue. He got an initial quote of approximately \$175,000.00 for special fencing similar to the driving range at the Country Club.

IV. Chairperson discussion: Stan emphasized the importance of following decorum. We need to have all positions filled ASAP. No decision or vote was made about the Vice chair or secretary at the meeting's conclusion.

#### V. New Business;

##### 1. Peace Pole details:

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VI. Adjournment: 7:22pm