

***Parks and Recreation Advisory Council Meeting***  
***Wednesday May 1 , 2024***  
***6:00 pm Port Jefferson Village Center Harbor Cove Room***

***Attendance:***

Mayor Laurie Sheprow

**Council Members:**

Beth Capodanno

Robert Gross

Mary O’Sullivan

Tom Provencher

Rima Potter

Maria Palma

**Liaisons:**

Bob Juliano

Stan Loucks

**Department Heads:**

Renee Lemmerman

Dave Melious

**I. *Call to order*** by Rima Potter at 6:06.

***II. Mayor Sheprow:***

Mayor Lauren Sheprow was in attendance at the beginning of the meeting to present a proposal to rename Caroline Park. She mentioned that the property was gifted to the Village of Port Jefferson by the Haywood family. After discussion amongst the council it was proposed to switch the name to rename Caroline Park to Haywood Park, Joe Erland Field will remain Haywood Park @ Joe Erland Field

It was also proposed that former Mayor Bob Strong be honored because of his purchase of the Mobil property, where the Village Center currently stands. Rename Pass way/ Surf Way to Stongs Way. Bob Juliano stated that he would be looking into the actual name of the road, as well as the procedure to change the name.

***III. Updates: See Report Submitted by Renee Lemmerman 4/24***

1. Parks- Dave Melious: A report was given to members detailing work done like plants, hanging baskets, and grass. There’s maintenance work being done all over the village parks to prepare for Memorial Day and Summer Season. East and West Beaches are being worked upon and getting ready for Memorial Day opening. See Village

2. **Recreation** - Renee Lemmerman read from her report - attached

3. **Advisory Council: Term Limits**

Term limits -

Mary O'sullivan , Tom Provencher, Beth Capodanno - each One Year

Bob Gross, Lois Kilkenny - each Two years

Dana Eng, Rima Potter - each Three years

Isobel Breheny Schafer, Maria Palmar - Alternates

Mary motioned and Bob seconded the previously presented term limits for the council members of P&R The council voted in favor of them. See previous minutes for time limits

4. **Village Center-**

Renee would like to resurface the Ice rink/ Sport Court area behind the Village Center to increase rental/ revenue. Discussion about asphalt and buckling that had occurred in the past. Renee will speak to the Rinx to see what is possible. Should be discussed further at the next meeting.

**IV. Chairperson discussion/ New Business:**

1. Painting of Basketball courts: Fix cracks and paint lines. The last time the courts were resurfaced was 9 years ago. Looking to put down Velvaseal possibly. Dave and Renee are looking into pricing.
2. New fountain relocated: It was placed in an awkward area and the water should be tested for safety. Some discussion followed about adding more fountains or getting a filtered water fountain. Dave said he would look into it, and get an estimate for the work. All council members present unanimously agreed it's a good idea and approved of the installation.
3. Artisan Market: Discussion about adding an Artisan Market to the Sunday Farmers Market is being considered and discussed. Certain items will not be allowed to be sold by vendors if it conflicts with any regular vendors that have been in the Farmer's Market for years.
4. Summer Market Location: Moved off the grass and into the Village Center.
5. Highlands Park/6 Acre: Members asked about any updates to the space. Nothing is happening yet.
6. Joe Erland Field- 3rd Base netting installed at Haywood Park. Residents are very happy that it's installed

7. Tom Provencher brought up Field Lighting and the placement/ glare that was coming from the lights.
8. Village Signage: Constable Phone number posted at Parks so residents and visitors can call easily if needed. Renee suggested streaming all the signage. Mary O'Sullivan will be photographing the signage throughout the Village and present at the following meeting. It was suggested by Rima to add signs with code # placed near the parks. Fran the graphic designer will be tasked with designing signs.
9. Roller Skating Program: Stan said that the lack of interest has caused the program to be canceled until further notice.
10. Beach Box discussion continued: Discussion about how to fund the beach boxes was had by the council members. Stan suggested using the Kayak fund as well as selling Kayaks that had been left in years past.
11. Bob Gross volunteered to look into the construction aspect and cost to build boxes.
12. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

***V. Adjournment:*** A motion was made for adjournment and seconded at 7:40 PM.