

**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 27, 2023
PORT JEFFERSON VILLAGE CENTER**

Meeting called to order at 6:03 p.m..

ATTENDANCE

Present: Beth Capodanno, Robert Gross, Jennifer Hildreth, Kelly Juliano, Mary O’Sullivan (alternate), Tom Provencher (alternate), Trustee Juliano, Trustee Loucks, Renee Lemmerman, Dave Melious

Absent: Chairperson Potter, Lois Kilkenny

I. CALL TO ORDER

Motion made by Ms. Sherry, seconded by Mr. Gross to approve the minutes to the meeting of July 26, 2023.

II. UPDATES

A. Recreation

1. See attached Recreation Summary Report – Summer 2023
2. Rowing Contract: We are currently waiting for leave approval for Centennial Park, which was up in June. Lease will be approved for 10 years, with two five years options.
3. There will be meeting tomorrow with Trustee Loucks regarding use of the elementary school pool and use of more facilities. This will be reported on at the next meeting.

B. Parks

1. Dave Melious reported the beaches are now closed (no lifeguards). Bathrooms will remain open until the end of October, or early November.
2. Dave Melious reported that a quote was received for a handicap ramp at the beach at a cost of \$10,000.00. It was also noted that DEC approval may be required and they would not approve same. Ms. Sherry stated that the mats that exist need to be contiguous with the parking lot. Mr. Melious stated that those that exist now cost \$3,000.00 and there would need to be a budget for an extension.
3. Softball is ongoing with normal daily maintenance being done.

III TRUSTEE KASSAY – Beach Street Garden and Six Acre Park

- a. Trustee Kassay discussed the Six Acre Park Project, to turn a negative into a positive. There is a Committee that has been working for 9 to 10 months. A proposal was submitted to the Board of Trustees. The area will be densely planted with walking paths. This will be a passive park. Trees and unique native

plants will be used. This area could serve as a living lab for Stony Brook University. Right now, a grant is being sought, which will be a 50/50 grant.

- b. Beach Street Community Garden was discussed by Trustee Kassay. 10 people began this with a small budget of between \$5,000.00 to \$7,000.00 which was fund raised for. Village provided the irrigation. Volunteers put this together. It is well loved by all who participate. Ms. Sherry stated that she loves it and has grown tomatoes.

IV. CHAIRPERSON DISCUSSION

- a. A discussion was had regarding a Vice Chairperson. While Kelly Juliano volunteered, a new member will need to be named.
- b. A discussion was held regarding a permanent replacement for Gerard Glass. Tom Provencher would accept the position.

V. NEW BUSINESS

At the suggestion of Trustee Loucks, all members present filled out a contact sheet with names and phone numbers. See attached.

Ms. Capodanno and Ms. Sherry discussed the possibility of cubbies for storage at East Beach. These cubbies would be give enough to hold beach chairs, et al, and available for rent on a lottery basis. Ms. Capodanno volunteered to research.

**MOTION MADE BY MS. JULIANO, SECONDED BY MS. CAPODANNO TO ADJOURN AT 7:30 P.M.
NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 25, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.**