

Parks and Recreation Advisory Council Meeting
Monday July 15 , 2024
6:00 pm Port Jefferson Village Center Skip Jack Room

Attendance:

Community Member:

David Guzetta

Council Members:

Beth Capodanno

Robert Gross

Mary O'Sullivan

Rima Potter

Isobel Breheny Schafer

Lois Kilkenny

Liaisons:

Bob Juliano

Stan Loucks

Department Heads:

Renee Lemmerman

I. *Call to order* by Beth Capodanno at 6:09.

II. *Community Member Dave Guzetta:*

Port Jeff resident David Guzetta was in attendance at the beginning of the meeting. We gave Mr. Guzetta the floor to address the council to propose some changes to our village beaches and amenities.

- a. Dave proposed that we keep East and West beaches open for the summer season until 9PM to take advantage of the sunset and early night sky. The council discussed and voted unanimously to expand the hours for our summer season, Memorial Day until Labor Day. After that the beaches will resume closing at dusk. Members were hoping that maybe code can take their time for the remainder of the season before rushing to close the beaches at dusk.
- b. Mr. Guzetta also asked about providing a food vendor or truck at East. It was also discussed and questioned why doesn't the Country Club/Turn offer a beach menu with delivery. The club could have a server drive down on a golf cart to deliver.
- c. Lastly Dave inquired about having live entertainment at the beach. The council suggested possibly having a sunset concert or have musicians sign up with the chamber to play at the beach.

The committee agrees with all of Dave's points and we assured him that improvements are in the works!

III. Updates:

1. Parks/ Trustee Report

- a. Bob Juliano: Informed us about the upcoming Village Tree Inventory that needs to be completed.
- b. He notified members about the Adopt a Planter program at East Beach. The Country Club filled all the terraced planters along the road to the beach. Residents can sponsor a box for \$200 a season.
- c. Bob briefed us on the Fourth of July parade and celebration. He suggested that the village administration, and possibly committees, have floats in the parade next year. All members unanimously agreed. Discussion followed about getting other community members involved in the parade, especially our school aged residents.

2. Recreation -

- a. Stan- Trustee Report: The Golf Outing is on 8/15. Renee is looking for volunteers to help with Check In.
- b. New rec aide is approved so that Renee can hire her.
- c. Stan and Sylvia will work on the legal aspect of the future Kayak Raffle. The money generated from the sale of the abandoned kayaks will go into the Kayak/Beach fund. The funds generated will also help fund the future Beach Boxes that will be available Summer 2025.
- d. Renee-
 - I. Park signs are in the process of getting made. We want to streamline all the signs and reduce visual clutter. All important info will be posted on one sign as opposed to multiple signs and locations. Final decisions have to be discussed with Silvia.
 - Ii. Pickleball courts are good
 - Iii. Basketball courts still need lines painted. Water fountain was relocated already.
 - Iv. Facilities: Beach bathrooms need to be cleaned better. Renee is requesting that Parks clean bathrooms on Weekends. During the week that Country Club services them. The issue stems from the fact that the cleaning service is up for bid in the village rec center. Presently the village attorney is dealing with legal issues.
 - V. Swim lessons at the school will be taught by Sharon 2 day per week. Renee is working on the details.
 - Vi. Rowing club is paying the village a fee annually to use Centennial Park. The fee is placed in the general fund.

3. Follow UP:

- a. Street/ Park Renaming: Approved at the last trustee meeting

- b. Kayaks/Beach Boxes: Stan will be organizing the raffle and the money generated can go into the beach box/kayak rack fund. Bob Gross followed up with members about an email he sent, but nobody got it. He did additional research on top of what Beth Capodanno already presented.
- c. Code Signs are being developed by Sylvia
- d. Swimming lessons at Scraggy Hill are trying to be scheduled with Adam Sherrod and staffed by possibly Sharon.
- e. The Rowing Club is finally paying the village for the use and storage of boats in the park.
- f. Beach Street Garden Program: Izzy told us that 20 out of the 22 plots were sold this season. Area has been cleaned up and revitalized. Future workshops will be open to residents in addition to the Garden Club members.
- g. Golf Outing: It's on for August 15th. Rain date August 29th.

4. **Community Member Attendance-** Dave Guzetta/ Beach Proposal/ see above

IV. Chairperson discussion/ New Business:

- 1. Lois asked about the Six Mile Park and wondered where we were at regarding making it an official park. Bob Juliano informed us that at this time there is no funding in the budget to expand and maintain another park at this point in time.

V. Adjournment: A motion was made for adjournment and seconded at 7:30 PM.