

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

I. Call to order: Dana called the meeting to order at 6:05

Advisory Council Members Present:

Renee Lemmerman, Dana Eng, DaveMelious, Bob Juliano, Robert Gross, Tom Provencher, Mary O'Sullivan, Beth Capodanno, Lois Dawn Kilkenny, and 2 residents sat in considering becoming an alternate: Isobel Breheny and Maria Palmer.

II. Updates

- A. Parks: Dave Melious updated council members about the following:
 - a. 2 community members attended the meeting briefly that live along the ballfield that the village is installing safety nets around to protect their homes and the road from stray balls.
 - b. Dave discussed the progress of the new netting that is going up near the ballfields to protect the street and residential homes in the area. The netting cannot enclose the whole field area, but will keep stray balls from going into the roadway.
 - c. Dave also discussed all the upcoming spring projects in the parks and throughout the village. Hanging baskets by Mother's Day, rip rock installed at West Beach to curb road erosion, and new siding at Rocket Ship Park Bathrooms.
 - d. He also made an announcement about an entry level job opening in village grounds.
- B. Recreation: Renee Lemmerman updated council members about the following:
 - a. 2024 Summer Camps - getting full,

b. Summer employment opportunities: camp counselors, beach/lifeguards

C. Advisory Council Terms - Council members are formally serving the following terms:

- 3 members serve **1 year**:

Beth Capodanno, Tom Provencher, Mary O'Sullivan

- 2 members serve **2 years**:

Robert Gross, Lois Dawn Kilkenny

- 2 members serve **3 years**:

Rima Potter, Dana Eng

- Alternate members: 2 years

We still need 2 members to formally commit to service, but Isobel and Maria sat in this meeting to consider/ contemplate serving in the available positions.

III. Village Center

A. Renee gave us the updated visitor numbers. LY: 17,660 TY: 22,000

B. Room Rentals: Fiscal policy is being petitioned for an increase in room rentals for non residents.

C. 2024 Summer Movie and HFP Concert schedule/ dates have been posted.

D. Grucci Fireworks contracted for July 3rd or July 6th as a Rain Date

E. 2024 Ice Skating season summary: Season ends 3/10/2024 and village is installing a sport court for off season usage.

F. 2024 Summer Camps are being offered and are filling up.

IV. Chairperson discussion: Dana opened it up to new business.

V. New Business:

a. There was lots of discussion about the proposed Beach Boxes. The committee all agreed it's a great idea, but it's too late to fund and build for this summer season. Boxes could be available for summer of 2025 if approved and budgeted.

Boxes would be available similar to the Kayak rack lottery. We would start off with a small amount, and increase as the budget affords.

- b. Bob Gross volunteered to get material numbers and an estimate from a contact that could build the boxes.
- c. Renee suggested that we could use the shipping container by sectioning off areas in lieu of Beach Boxes for residents to store beach chairs and umbrellas. But as of now, the container has a lot of kayaks and other things that would need to be sorted through and organized.
- d. A lottery was suggested to rid the village of all the kayaks that have not been picked up after the season ended. Residents were reminded to pick up their abandoned property and many have not done so.
- e. Residents could go in a lottery to rent the box or storage space for the season. Rules and guidelines would need to be clarified. A lot of information is contained in the previous informal proposal presented by Beth Capodanno to the committee in the October 2023 meeting.
- f. Renee also suggested supplying the beaches with lounge chairs for residents to use at the beach. They could check in with the beach guard, show their license and a beach employee would set it up. Discussion followed about researching prices for chairs and umbrellas instead of building beach boxes. Isobel volunteered to look into pricing.
- g. Bob Juliano discussed topics that he learned about at the Conference he attended. He discovered through the NYS Comptroller's office that PJ Village has Unclaimed Funds. He is working on claiming those funds for the village. He gave us brochures and encouraged council members to research if we had any unclaimed funds from NYS.

VI. Adjournment

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Minutes submitted by Beth Capodanno