

Mount Kisco Recreation Commission
ZOOM Meeting Minutes – April 21, 2021

Attendance: {check all present}

Linda Cindrich x Kathy Feeney x Christy McGinn x
Eileen Polese x Kim Terlizzi x Gallo Trujillo x Bob Byrns x
Kyle Thornton x
Leonard Park Committee: None
Other: None

Meeting called to order @ 7:00pm

Minutes of Meeting: Review minutes of March 10, 2021(enclosed)

Motion to accept minute's by _____ .

Seconded by _____ .

All in favor.

⇒ ***Review of Income and Expenses (enclosed):***

Kyle reported that all budget lines are within our usual range and he continues to monitor all budget lines to keep within the Rec. Budget. Spring programs are starting and revenue is improving.

Superintendent's Report:

⇒ **Camp Update**

Kyle reported that there is currently 97 campers signed up. On May 1st the "Early Bird" price will be going up. After this date we will close down registration and put groups together based on grade and gender. If there is any room in groups that are not at maximum capacity we will allow more campers in those groups only; not to exceed the maximum number of campers as implemented by the Westchester County Board of Health for safety. Kyle stated that an email will be going out later in the week to remind everyone.

⇒ **Pool Update**

The Main and Dive Pool covers have been removed. Kyle reported that the pools were dirty with leaves and dark water. Both pools had to be drained, cleaned and re-filled. The Dive Pool is filled and Mt. Kisco Pool will be coming to get it up and running. The Main Pool is 90% cleaned and hopefully Monday we will start to fill it. The Wade Pool is filled and ready to be run. All 16 filters have been cleaned which was a long process. DPW staff have been cleaning the pools. Kyle expects all pools to be up and running shortly.

Superintendent's Report cont....:

⇒ Parks Update

Kyle stated that he expects to have most of all the clay to be on the fields. Park staff has prepped all the fields to have them ready for the baseball season. Mt. Kisco Baseball is up and running and Kyle reported that some local teams have been renting some of the fields. He is trying to promote baseball play as well as bringing in some revenue. The Wallace Pond fountain is in and running well. Kyle reported that there continues to be issues with trash around the park and someone was caught dumping household trash in one of the bins and they were reported to Code Enforcement. Kyle continues to monitor the park to see how it can be better for all to enjoy. He stated that he is working on a list of sign we need including dog signs. He would like to replace some of the signs are old and hard to read.

⇒ Program Update

Kyle reported that all Spring Programs are starting this week. Recreation offered many programs, however due to low enrollment many had to be canceled. George had 34 programs listed but only 12 are running. Kyle spoke with George about future programming and suggested less is more. We will cut back on the number of similar offerings to max out what programs we are offering and if they fill up we can always offer more if they fill up. Rec. programing is a roller coaster, we need to find what works in Mt. Kisco and what the residents want and getting the word out.

Old/Unfinished Business:

⇒ Open Rec. Position Update

Kyle reported that the job has been posted and he has 7 candidates, although not all of them will be interviewed and he will continue to take resumes through Friday. Monday he will bring in the candidates who are interested in the position. Kyle will inform the Commission on Monday and see how they want to proceed.

New Business:

⇒ Grants/Fundraising

Bob Byrns reported about getting information out about the history of the park to try and get residents excited about the future of the park. Maybe have a future look or rendering so the residents can see where the park maybe heading. Also to set a time line of what to expect. Bob Byrns also suggested to have almost a payment plan for sponsors so they wouldn't be hit so hard in one shot. He suggested to contact local merchants for examples Saw Mill Club, Shoprite, Stop & Shop and multi banks for donations. Looking for about of \$1,000,000. Bob also stated that the Village Board would have to get involved. Along with the Leonard Park Committee. Kyle stated that he would contact the Mayor and let her know what the Commission would like to do.

New Business cont...:

⇒ **New Trail Connection**

Kyle reported that he met at the Tea House with Harry McCartney, Village Historian, John Stockbridge- Marsh Sanctuary Board, Dennis Havercamp- Marsh Sanctuary, John Rodes – Member of the Mt. Kisco Tree Board, for years they have always wanted to connect Marsh Sanctuary to Leonard Park from behind the Tea House to behind the medical building, across Stratford Drive in the Chase to Marsh Sanctuary. It is a short connection. The property and it's connection is located on town property. 3 bridges would need to be built but the Village would not have to do the work. This trail would make it possible for people to hike a longer area. Linda questioned if nonresidents would be hiking from the park through these trails. Eileen stated that there is ample parking at Marsh Sanctuary or at the park. Linda questioned who would maintain the trails. Linda wanted to know what exactly Kyle was requesting of the Commission. Linda suggested to table this issue and make sure that the property belongs to the Village. Kim asked how many trails are in Marsh Sanctuary. Linda would like clarification on what exactly they want to do.

⇒ **Concerts**

Kyle would like to know about having concerts this summer. Christy stated to have 200 visitors and make sure there was social distancing. Linda does not want to conflict with the Wednesday Arts Council. Kyle is looking into renting the showmobile. Kim suggested doing the concerts. Eileen suggested having a DJ to get the kids involved.

⇒ ***Open Discussion:***

Christy wanted to know why some people with a 10549 zip code have to pay nonresident fees. Linda stated that allow edibility nonresident fees . because they don't pay taxes to support the village Another question is about having a coffee truck that would pay a fee to help support. Linda stated that it would open the door for multiple trucks and no advertising. Christy suggested to have a scheduled and a contract. Kyle spoke with Richard Gould, Leonard Park Committee, Kyle is waiting to hear back from the town lawyer. Linda stated that this issue has been looked into numerous times. Eileen stated that there is no way to police this issue from getting out of hand. Start small.

Good and Welfare: Linda wanted thank Bob for the fund raising and Opening Day baseball festivities

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by: Christy.

Seconded by: Kathy.

All in favor.

Respectively submitted by: Gail Hall

Date: 4/21/2021

Time: 8:00pm

Next scheduled ZOOM meeting: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 7:00 pm

INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION