

Mount Kisco Recreation Commission
ZOOM Meeting Minutes – June 10, 2020

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__

Joanne Aquilino__x__ George Price ex

Leonard Park Committee: None

Other: Ken Famulare, Assistant Village Manager

Meeting called to order @ 7:05pm

Minutes of Meeting: Review minutes of May 13, 2020(enclosed)

Motion to accept minutes by Kathy Feeney.

Seconded by Bob Byrns.

All in favor.

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

No revenue. Expenses higher than expected-due to extra cleaning supplies and disinfectant.

Superintendent's Report:

⇒ Pool Update

Joanne reported that Norberto started work and he stated there is more extensive work that needs to be done. He is hoping that it will take him about 1.5 weeks to finish. It will then take 1.5 days to fill the pool, 2 days to balance it and we should be up and running in about 2 weeks. Linda questioned what exactly will be finished. Joanne stated that the company is pulling the gutters from the corners off and anchoring down the metal gutter so they will not leak and they re-caulk. Linda questioned if the work is guaranteed. Joanne reported that she didn't know however Norberto stated that they will try something else if this doesn't work.

Joanne reported that Westchester County Board of Health has not provided information on guidelines and regulations on how to keep everyone safe from Covid-19. No permits/permission on opening the pool. The Wading Pool can only have about 6-7 families in that area. Restricting those families ONLY to the Wading Pool and no other pools. All people entering the pool area must stay at only at 1 pool. No one will be allowed to move from one pool to pool. Main Pool would allow for 50/60 people. Ken stated that it might be a good idea to have more than 1 entrance. Entrance Only and Exit Only -1 way only. Linda questioned if there would be distant markers posted. The county pools are offering 2 timed sessions- 11:00am & 3:00pm. Linda stated 1st come 1st serve. Linda questioned who would be checking everyone. Joanne stated to have an "IN and Out: process, witch maybe an escorted to the designated area where each person/family would be in the pool area. Joanne wanted to know if we would have "permits" or "daily" entrances. Linda is very concerned about how to move people in and out of the pool area. Joanne suggested 2 sessions per day, 11:00-2:00 and 3:00-6:00.

Motion to have 2 sessions per day by Bob Byrns. Seconded by Kim Terlizzi. All in favor.

Superintendent's Report Pool Update cont....:

Question-How will residents get into the pool? No guests- town residents ONLY. Bob questioned about the minimum age of a youth coming to the pool- answer 12 years old. How will staff know who is a resident and who is not. People entering the pool must have a driver's license or ID. Any child without an ID must come with a parent. Daily admission fee- \$5. Youth and \$10. Adult per session- am or pm. Christy suggested color coded IDs. Once you enter the pool area, if inclement weather fees are non-refundable and Linda suggested that the rules and regulations must be posted- Facebook, Village's Website, Mayor's weekly robo calls etc. and everything in writing. Regarding payments at the pool. Ken suggested to pay online on the Villages' Website. This could be done ahead of time.

Motion for this Pool Season-

No guests.

Only Walk-ins

Punch Card Accepted. Must have ID. Kathy Feeney motion to accept these regulations. Seconded by Bob Byrns. All in favor.

Kathy Feeney motion NOT to have Diving Boards. Seconded by Christy McGinn. All in favor. Lap swimming in the Dive Tank- 3 Lanes.

Eileen asked if these rules and regulations could be changed during the 2020 summer.

Concession Stand – Yes or No?

Joanne reached out to the concessionaire about his thoughts regarding opening up for the 2020 summer season. He is not sure if he is going to want to open during this pandemic. He is supposed to get back to Joanne with his response today and he has not responded. Joanne stated that she would touch base with him tomorrow. Joanne stated that the guidelines that she is reading will make it difficult to open, because of staff in a small space. Kathy suggested to sell just water and ice cream to make some revenue. Bob stated that it would be difficult to keep the ice cream frozen. No outside delivered food allowed.

Motion NO Concession Stand by Bob.

Seconded by Kim. Also NO ordering outside food for delivery in.

No glass containers of any kind.

All in favor

⇒ Camp Update

Joanne reported the NY guidelines for camp is no group larger than 10 campers excluding staff.

⇒ Parks Update

Started working on the ballfields. Joanne state that when there is a break from cutting the grass they will work on the fields.

Superintendent's Report cont..

⇒ Program Update

Joanne stated there has been a couple of adult exercise programs. US Sports canceled all there classes for the spring. Young Rembrandts has gone out of business and therefore no summer classes.

⇒ Brochure Update

Making changes. Norm Zelenko, Tennis instructor for over 20 years, is not coming back in the fall because of Covid-19. TGA will be cover in the fall. Kathy knows of a tennis instructor and Linda suggested to get in contact with him.

Old/Unfinished Business:

⇒ Camp

Joanne stated that she is still waiting for the official guidelines from the Board of Health Department. There would groups of no more than 10 children per group, not counting staff. No camp on rainy days. No Breakfast Club. No Extended Day. No Trips. No Playground. No Outside Entertainers coming in. Drop off and pick up would be done at the circle by the concession stand. Parents would stay in their cars. Staff will take temperatures of the children prior to them get out of the car. The children then would be escorted to their group. At the end of the day every parent would have a car sign and on the sign would have the name of the camper, group name. A staff member would radio to that group to retrieve their camper. Joanne reported that she just purchased 6 portable no touch hand washing stations that are pump activated. Bob asked about what would be the maximum number of campers with respect to the weather and rain. Joanne stated that the max number would be about 80 campers.

If it rains during the day, parents would be notified and the campers would need to be picked up. If raining at start of the day no camp. Start date for camp earliest date would be July 6th and camp would run for 6 weeks-until August 14th.

Linda asked, "how many have registered"? Joanne reported that about 40 had already registered. The office would call all of those that have registered to see if they were still interested in coming. Joanne stated that the fee would have to change as it no longer is a 7 week camp. The camp activities would be sports example obstacle courses, relay races, individual activities where they could maintain social destining so participants would not have to wear a mask. Joanne has reached out to Westchester County and the guidelines on wearing masks for camps. Trying to do activities that would keep children 6 feet apart. Recommending all children have their own sport gloves. No sharing of arts and crafts supplies. Each child would have their own. For lunch time every camper would have a hula hoop which would be their space.

Old/Unfinished Business Camp cont..:

Linda questioned how the lunches would be stored during the day. Joanne reported that the lunches would be stored in the refrigerator. Linda questioned how the pool time would look like. Joanne stated she was waiting for Westchester County Guidelines for interactions in the pool. Linda wanted to know if we were giving a refund for camp. Joanne replied that everyone who signed up for camp would be giving a refund. Joanne told the commission that she would get them all the numbers regarding camp, who has signed up, who has already been refunded and how many people still want to attend camp for the 2020 season. Linda stated that these refunds need to be done in a timely manner. Tiny Tots is canceled- only 1 was registered at this time. Joanne would like to formally canceled Tiny Tot Camp. Motion to do that by Linda. Second by Bob. All in favor.

⇒ Pool

Joanne stated that additional staff may be needed for social distancing, for disinfecting and sanitizing that must be done on a regular basis. Joanne reported that these additional staff will cost \$700-\$800. approximately daily. Staffing during normal conditions is usually around \$1,500. daily so now it will be over \$2,000. a day for staffing. Kathy asked if there was a limit amount of people in the pool area would that mean that we would not have to have as many lifeguards. Joanne stated that no matter how many people in the pool it still must be fully staffed for everyone safety is. Eileen stated that at the beginning of the season you normally need more lifeguards because any new lifeguard employee has to “shadow” a veteran lifeguard. Linda would like to have an analysis and a step by step detailed memo of what is needed staff wise and financially. Linda questioned how many people would be allowed to use the pool for each session. Joanne reported about 60 people would be allowed in the Main Pool. Restrooms need to be decontaminated after each use. Linda asked if staff would be wearing masks. Joanne responded that pool staff would be wearing masks while in the pool area but will not be wearing masks if entering the water or while sitting in the lifeguard chair and if they more than 6 feet from anyone. Joanne showed a mask that all the staff will be wearing which is made out of bathing suit material.

⇒ Showers and locker rooms-Yes or No

⇒ Joanne suggested No to both.

⇒ Motion NOT to have showers or locker rooms by Bob. Bathroom access ONLY.

⇒ Seconded by Kim Terlizzi.

⇒ All in favor.

⇒ Sign to be posted that “we” cannot guarantee that people using the pool area would not contract this Covid-19 disease. Ken presented a sample of the sign and wordage. Basically, swim at your own risk.

New Business:

⇒ Summer Concerts

Question was raised if Recreation was going to go forward with the concerts. Joanne stated that maybe if we started at a later date. Joanne also stated that Concerts at Fountain Park-Canceled.

BOARD ITEMS:

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Open Discussion:

Paul Harkins- Recreation Assistant- handed in his resignation letter on June 8, 2020. Linda questioned what the reason for leaving was, Joanne stated: village contract unfair compared to the surrounding villages and towns, out of title duties, lack of staff and support, not happy with the villages response to the Covid-19 safety measures also compared to other surrounding towns and villages. Linda wanted to know if there had been any prior conversations about how he was feeling about his job. Joanne stated that it was somewhat “out of the blue”. Joanne stated that she knew that he was not happy about the towns’ response to the covid virus. Linda wanted to know why he wasn’t happy about how the village handled the covid virus safety measures. He was unhappy that Recreation went back to work 2 weeks before the other staff members in the Village Hall. Ken interjected that he didn’t think that information was accurate. Ken stated that DPW went back before the rec. department. Joanne clarified her statement by stating that recreation employees went back to full time work before the rest of the Administration Group. Linda also asked if Joanne has posted the job so we might be left short staffed.

Good and Welfare: Joanne thanked Linda for providing rec. tv segments. Lots of compliments on it. Congrats to new grandmother Liz Dieter on the birth of her new granddaughter- Juliet

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by: Bob.

Seconded by: Kathy.

All in favor.

Respectively submitted by: Gail Hall

Date: 6/10/2020

Time: 9:30pm

Next scheduled meeting: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at 7:00 pm