

Mount Kisco Recreation Commission
ZOOM Meeting Minutes – January 13, 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 George Price *excused*

Leonard Park Committee: None
Other: None
Meeting called to order @7:03pm

Minutes of Meeting: Review minutes of November 18, 2020(enclosed)

Motion to accept minute's by Bob Byrns.
Seconded by Kathy Feeney.
All in favor.

⇒ ***Review of Income and Expenses update:***

Linda would like formally to welcome Kyle Thornton as the new Superintendent and wish him luck. Kyle reported that the expenditures are right on par with last year excluding full and part time staff. He also stated that the revenue line is very low due to the pandemic. Kyle explained that the department is focusing on the Spring/Summer programs. He is working with the Treasure and Deputy Treasure about some line items that are close or may go over.

Superintendent's Report:

⇒ Camp Update

Kyle reported that George is working on the 2021 camp info, but we will not have the information for resident for a couple of weeks. There is a Board of Health meeting on January 20th that George and Kyle will attend. Kyle is waiting to see what the Board of Health is going to require in order for a camp to exist. Kyle stated that there is going to be some form of camp. It may not look like it has in the past.

Superintendent's Report cont.:

⇒ Pool Update see attached

Linda stated that the hours of the pool may change. Kyle stated that he would like to discuss the pool fees at the next commission meeting. He also stated that the 2020 Pool Director George Robels, and the Assistant Pool Director Sophia O'Connor will be coming back. Sofia will be taken the CPO course so she will be certified for pool chemicals and treating the pools if needed while she is there. She is also going to be taking a Lifeguard Management Course, so if the pool director is not on site she legally can step in as pool director. Linda stated that she thinks that Sophia is very capable to step in if the Pool Director is not available. Kyle stated that he would like the dive pool open by mid-May so the lifeguards could get in there for recertification's and for any new lifeguards. Kyle sent a pool schedule and after reviewing the current schedule and compared with other pool facilities he thought that it could be more streamlined and easier to interpret and understand. The schedule would have a disclaimer on the bottom to state that the Diving Pool will open late during the Swim/Dive Season. So it would be easier to read.

⇒ Park Update

Con Ed was to fix the power line coming into the park and at this time there is no power from the Teahouse to the Softball Field. Because there is no power, the sump pump near the Softball field isn't working is the reason it is wet.

. Bob stated that the scoreboards would not work in that area assuming it is because of the lack of power. Kyle reported that near the complex in the parking lot there are new LED Lights that were installed last week. Bob questioned if the construction equipment down at the park near the volleyball courts was for new volleyball court. Kyle explained that it was left from the East of Hudson Project. They still have a bit of work still to do. Kyle is looking into new volleyball courts.

⇒ Programs

Linda wanted to know which programs are running at this time. Kyle stated that only Winter Baseball, Robotics, and an exercise program. His feeling about people being together during this pandemic was probably the main concern why there wasn't much registration for the winter programs. His focus is to get the Spring/Summer 2021 Brochure done, online and ready so people can register. Liz Dieter, Seniors, has been doing a lot of activities via zoom and doing what she can to keep the Seniors involved. Linda Cindrich is teaching a Virtual Paint Night which is working out nicely. Linda has spoken to Ed Brancati, Village Manager about another programmer/person to help with these needs in the Rec. Department. She would like to see a new full time staff member sometime in spring or early summer. Kyle reported that what he would like in that position is a programmer and Linda agreed. Flex hours or 2:00pm-10:00pm hours.

Superintendent's Report cont....:

⇒ Brochure

Kyle stated that when he started in December, the brochure was about 95% complete, it was edited however all the files got corrupted and almost everything was lost. Kyle is hopeful that the work for the brochure will be completed soon. It will then be edited by Gail Hall, Liz Dieter and Joanne Salvo. The brochure will not be printed and sent out, because going forward not sure what the Board of Health safety guidelines will be for the spring and summer. The hope is everything to be online early February and register in early March. Linda questioned how to do programs without the new hire. Kyle reported that now 95% of programs are contracted out but going forward doing more in house if possible. Regroup and restructure going for forward. Hire part-time people to help with programs. Linda suggested about starting with the pre-school. Eileen suggested James Morales, who has worked for rec. and for camp might be a good person to contact to see if he would be interested in teaching some classes.

Old/Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

⇒ Elect Chairperson

Re-elect a chairperson. Linda would like to chair the Commission for another year. Kathy Feeney questioned if there needs to be a motion. Bob suggested to nomination. Kathy nominated Linda. Bob seconded. All in favor.

⇒ Budget

Kyle reported that he completed the budget and most of the lines will stay the same but with the Recreation Department moving to the Complex Kathy suggested to have some updated furniture, Kyle stated that the complex has not be updated for 20 years and that is the reason for some increase in the budget. Linda sated that there are a couple of issues that need to be dealt with.

1 would be getting the pool ready as the superintendent should not and cannot do it all. With that being said Rec Assistant and getting the office straighten out and have a work space that is suitable for a Superintendent.

Open Discussion:

Christy McGinn brought up a couple of concerns that residents have shared with her. New Playground equipment. Park is lacking. Kim stated that there was Grant Money that was to be used for the playground. Grant Money was used for Tennis Courts Bob stated. The Tennis Court money was in the budget but the grant money, The Peter Harckham Grant, was to be used for a piece of equipment. Leonard Park Committee was to follow up. A question was asked if Kyle could check with Leonard Park Committee about a piece of equipment for a playground. Kyle will speak with Joanne Aquilino, previous superintendent about what was to be done.

Kathy suggested making a board game with Kisco landmarks. Linda suggested that the Leonard Park Committee to do the fund raising. Maybe a new piece of playground equipment every year. Linda will contact Ed Brancati, Village Manager, about the piece of equipment.

Kyle suggested a Walking Path.

Picnic Tables behind the Teahouse need to be addressed. Fund raiser for picnic table with a plaque on it to offset the cost.

Christy suggested benches- Linda stated that we never wanted to have benches. Leonard Park has not had a meeting in a long time. Kyle will reach out to them.

Good and Welfare: Happy and Healthy New Year to you and your family

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by: Linda Cindrich.

Seconded by: Christy McGinn.

All in favor.

Respectively submitted by: Gail Hall

Date: 1/13//2021

Time: 7:41pm

Next scheduled ZOOM meeting: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 7:00 pm