

**Recreation & Parks Commission Meeting
October 18, 2022
7:30p @ Community Center**

Attendance: Linda Rice Collins, Karin Ernst, and Rossana Ferrante

Approval of Minutes of 9/28/2022 - move approved, all in favor

Topics

- **Bike Memorandum of Understanding**
 - Certificate of Insurance has been approved by Town's insurance company
 - Next step- give MOU to the Town Council for review. Marblehead resident to be a point person for NEMBA
 - How do we hold NEMBA accountable? Conservations Commissions approval?
 - 1G. NEMBA will conduct regular inspections. What is the frequency? What is the time frame of repairs?
 - Point person to report quarterly at Commission meeting
- **On Going Projects**
 - Stramski Waterline - Bob Donovan. Peter met with the Water Department to coordinate work . Start date TBD. prior to ground freezing in 2022
 - Beach Pavillion - working on getting a new structures up. Notice of Intent needs to be filed per the Town Engineer. Greg Snow will build a wooden pavilion. The crew will construct the metal pavilion.
 - Walter Jacob Meeting early Oct - plans were supposed to be in place by Oct 14. We still have not received plans. Essex Tech can not start until the Building Commission approves the plans to issue permits.
 - Sports Turf Update - Matt Martin spoke to the owner.

Park Report

- **Field Report**
 - Despite treatment, grubs have been active on Middle Village, parts of Seaside and Vets. A third round of spot seeding is probably necessary. This weeks colder temps should drive them down deeper, where squirrels and birds can't detect them.
 - Fall round of fertilizer is almost complete. Lower Village, MHS, Memorial Park, Abbot Hall and Library are left.
 - Irrigation is off at all properties except Library. Next week would be a good time to start draining and blowing out systems.
 - Community Center was weeded and planters at entrance were replanted with fall plantings.
 - Concrete footings from both pavilions at the beach were removed.
 - Area around beach garage has been cleaned up and reorganized.
- **Forman Report**
 - Cutting Fields with 52" riding mowers, painting fields after they are cut.
 - Cutting other properties after fields are done.
 - Brought in all beach stuff sheds, signs, lifeguard stands and boardwalks.
 - Cut Brown school for the first time. Long and thick.
 - Closed restrooms at Lighthouse, Devereux beach, Crocker Park and Fort Sewall.
 - Added 3/4" dense grade gravel to lower parking lot at Stramskis to correct flooding issue.
 - Needed to repaint football lower high school change direction.
 - Groomed piper and blew off leaves as needed.
 - Greg and John D. put up new fence at Mary Alley for Building commissioner.
 - Request by resident for Port-a-potties over the winter
 - Budget season will return to regular schedule

Recreation Report

- **Revolving Fund**
 - Status YTD
- **Programs**
 - New Session - November/December
 - Increase in programming revenue
- **Events**
 - Scarecrow Stroll
 - Haunted House
 - Pumpkin Decorating
 - House Decorating
 - Birds of Prey

Correspondence

- Karen Wales - Bud Orne Rink November 19th - St. Lambert. Need to provide us with a certificate of insurance.
- Chamber of Commerce - To be decided when a full board is present.

Next Meeting November 1 & 15 at 7:30p, 7:00p
Meeting adjourned 8:45p