

Chichester Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Minutes 7/8/2020

Present: Zack Boyajian [Chair], Tom Jameson [Vice Chair], Ansel Sanborn [Secretary], Robyn Eldredge, Ewen MacKinnon, Jon White

Absent: Chris Baines

Public: Mark Thomas, Bob Mann, Jorge Pardo

1] Zack called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM at Carpenter Park and called the roll of the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) members.

2] After review and minor corrections, a MOTION to approve the minutes of 6/10/20 was made by Ewen and seconded by Jon. The MOTION passed with all in favor and Zack approved and signed the revised minutes.

3] Jorge Pardo, Director of the Caramba Skills Soccer Camp, explained the procedures in place to deal with pandemic safety issues during the July 20 to 24 soccer camp at Carpenter Park. Caramba will handle all field set up and trash removal tasks. After discussion, PRC was satisfied with the Caramba plan.

4] Mark Thomas demonstrated pickleball on the recently relined basketball court. Mark will host a pickleball demonstration at Old Home Day. PRC felt that pickleball would be a good addition to the park.

Ansel made a MOTION seconded by Robyn to spend up to \$50. for pickleball equipment for use at the park. The MOTION passed with all in favor.

5] Mark Thomas led a tour of a possible middle school cross country course at Carpenter Park. The course would be two miles long and a minimum of six feet wide. Mark and Ewen had marked out the trail and, after walking the trail, PRC supported the layout.

Issues of trail surface and poison ivy were discussed. Robyn will ask Chichester Youth Association (CYA) to donate surplus infield surface material for use on the trail.

Zack made a MOTION seconded by Tom to spend up to \$400. to treat poison ivy on the trail and near the basketball court. All in favor, the MOTION passed. Jon will contact the firm who performed the service at the park last year.

6] Bob Mann, Chair of the Chichester Conservation Commission (CCC), outlined several trail efforts under consideration by the CCC:

Construction of trails and parking at the Spaulding lot;

Construction of a trail from the library to Chichester Central School (CCS) through the 169 Main Street LLC property;

Construction of a trail from CCS to Carpenter Park.

7] Zack asked for final comments from PRC on the Recreation Facilities Chapter of the Master Plan update. Zack will send the latest copy to PRC members for their comment.

8] Other discussion:

Some picnic tables should be replaced. Ewen will get an estimate of replacement cost and Zack will review our budget at the next meeting.

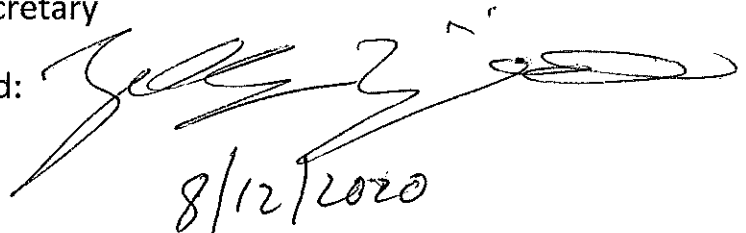
The new Recreation Calendar is working quite well.

At 8:30 PM, a MOTION to adjourn was made by Ansel and seconded by Robyn. The MOTION passed with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted, Ansel Sanborn, Secretary

Not Approved Until Signed

Approved:



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