

Madison Beach and Recreation Commission

Meeting Date: Tuesday, August 11, 2020

Meeting Place: Zoom Meeting

Members Present: Rob Card (Chair), Mary Pat Nardino (Vice Chair) and Vince Dussich

Others Present: Scot Erskine (Beach and Recreation Director)

Members not present: Shane Kokoruda and Pamela Greene.

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Chair Rob Card.

Approval of Minutes:

Mary Pat Nardino approved the minutes and Vince Dussich seconded for July 7, 2020 as amended. Vince wanted to add to the minutes that he wanted to add a vacant police car at the surf club to reduce the push back for the staff. He also mentioned looking at the enhancement for the cell phone service at the surf club.

Public Comment:

No public comment.

Chair's comments:

The comments Rob has heard from First Selectwoman Peggy Lyons has been positive. The chair's report has been attached from the July 7, 2020 meeting.

Chair's report July 7, 2020 as we close our fiscal year there are highlights for the minutes. These accomplishments are a result of the collaborative work of the Entire Beach and Recreation team led by Scot Erskine and to include office staff, program employees, grounds crews, summer and surf club staff. In addition, the Technology department, Police Department, Finance department as well as the cooperation from Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance who were all critical in this year's accomplishments. Thank you to the Commission members for your volunteer time, direction and support of the Beach and Recreation department and Town of Madison. FY19/20 Beach and Recreation accomplishments Operated within budget Held four dedicated sessions for public and commission discussion on new parking system. Cancelled parking system contract Operationalize lifeguards and gate guards Executed B&R town survey that provided guidance and direction for the Commission and Department Enabled online beach pass purchases with Department's RecTrac software 6 weeks ahead of schedule Created new B&R landing page Operationalized standards aligned to Covid-19 state and federal guidelines Erected B&R grounds staff building at

surf club Installed emergency service dock at west Wharf. Established and executed Monthly reviews of budget, incidents and projects. Opportunities Continue survey on annual basis Evaluation of program offerings and needs Create plan to Enhance assets physically and aesthetically Prioritize project aligned asset maintenance and strategic plan

Director's Report:

Beach Pass Sales Status:

Scot mentioned that beach pass sales are up from last year. To date they have sold 5,200 seasonal beach passes which is up from last year's total of 4,697. He was praising the summer staff for the sales of the beach passes. There has been a lot of positive feedback about the staff and how they handled the sales of the beach passes. Scot mentioned that anyone who has bought a beach pass this season will just have to log on to the system next season and say renew their membership and pay for it. Beach and Rec will get a receipt and they can mail out their beach pass. He mentioned that they have sold 302 daily passes through July 27, 2020. Most of that is credit card sales. Scot said as long as the online system still continues to work that they should be able to go back to the April 1 date for selling beach passes for next year.

Beach Operations Update:

Scot mentioned that the beach operations are going well. He is starting to lose staff though because of the kids going back to school. He will have to modify the number of people he has patrolling during the day. He said that the grounds crew is affected because of the number of people he has working at the moment and the amount of work they have to do. There was a discussion if the beach pass season should be extended because of COVID-19. Scot said he might not have the staff to accommodate that request. Scot mentioned that a possible discussion with the First Selectwoman Peggy Lyons might be a good idea to get feedback.

Project Updates:

Scot had mentioned that he ordered fencing for Rockland Cemetery well before COVID-19 and that plant had closed so he is waiting for the fencing because the plant just re-opened up. Lawlery Field fencing which is the timber post and rail and gate to replace the slope fencing and the truck and trailer for the weekend is on order. The fencing is in for the Kayak Launch on Cottage Road. The West Wharf docks are in place. Scot is going to get some temporary fencing there until the fencing comes in from being backordered. Rockland Playground is still in progress. The fencing is in. Once the playground goes in the fencing will go in. The ground's building is being finished. It should hopefully be done by the second week in September. Scot mentioned the

extension of the tennis and pickle ball courts and if that was possible to do now or if they would have to wait till next year. He is still working on the estimates for the pavilion.

Incident Reports:

Scot said there has not been anything major to report.

Old Business:

There was a question about the police patrol car being at the surf club and if that discussion was in the First Selectwoman's meeting minutes.

New Business:

There was a discussion about what the committee should be focusing on as far as topics. COVID-19 has everything at a standstill. Scot mentioned that some fall sports are on hold because of COVID-19.

Public Comment:

No public comment was mentioned.

Adjournment:

The meeting ended at 8:30 p.m. Vince motioned and Mary Pat seconded to end the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristen Panzo