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Monroe Joint Park Recreation Commission, July 22, 2019

The Monroe Joint Park Recreation Monthly Meeting was held at Smith's Clove Park, 133 Spring St, Monroe, New York on the 22nd day of July 2019.

PRESENT:	John Battaglia	Chairperson
	Andrew Calvano	Commissioner
	Mary Elizabeth Burton	Commissioner
	Chris Sullivan	Commissioner
	Kayel Conklin	Commissioner
	Joe Mancuso	Park Recreation Director
	Priscilla C. Chang- Staley	Park Secretary
	Stephen Gaba	Park Attorney

ABSENT: Adm. Chairperson Anthony Vaccaro and Commissioner Jonathan Novack

Chairperson John Battaglia called the meeting at 7:35 P.M, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion made by Commissioner Conklin and seconded by Commissioner Sullivan

Resolved, to approve the minutes of June 24, 2019 as written.

Ayes: 5 Battaglia, Calvano, Burton, Sullivan, Conklin
Nays: 0

Privilege of the Floor – Public Concerns

With no one from the public present, the Commission continued with the agenda.

Request – Baseball's Use of Smith's Clove for Tournaments

Sal Scancarello and David Espinal, Representatives for the Crusader Club (Dark Knights) Travel Baseball, were present to request field time. The Crusader Club accepts players (approximately 12- 13 total) who are 12 years old and older. Espinal stated the league helps to prepare players for high school and college. Primarily the players will be from Monroe but they will recruit from other areas. One of the challenges for the league is to find playing fields; Smith Clove Park has well maintained fields in the area. The league is looking to have two tryouts in August (on the 5th and 6th of the month) as well as possibly a tournament in the fall, practice sessions and home games. He offered to provide a plan regarding what the tryouts would look like. There are approximately 12 -13 players per team (aged 12 to 15 years old) and they will play other teams in Hudson Valley. The travel team baseball season is from April 1st to May 27th. The league is a non-profit. Other similar leagues in the area play on school fields. If it's not possible to play on Smith Clove fields, then the league will look elsewhere out of Monroe.

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The Mombasha field is only one field and its dimensions are not suitable for their needs. Smith Clove's fields could be modified to accommodate their needs. Gaba asked if the tryouts will be advertised to Monroe residents. Espinal stated it's open to everyone including Monroe residents. Further discussion was had on the topic.

Doreen Martinez, representative from MW Youth Lacrosse, was present to request field time. They are looking to have an Open House on October 5th with an alternate date of October 21st. The event will provide demonstrations showing how the game is played including lessons and refreshments. The league is looking to grow enrollment; currently there are 110 members. The Commission advised that a roster is needed as well as insurance documentation.

Request – Banner, advertising POP Warner Fall Registration

Bill Scully, representative from MW POP Warner, was present to request the pavilion for their end of camp picnic. The date of the event is July 30th. All refreshments will be purchased from the concession stand. He also requested to have a banner displaying MW POP Warner Football (made by Prestige Graphics) placed on the press box fence and on the fence bordering the park. A sample of what the banners would look like can be provided. The Commission asked to review a sample design when it is available. Lastly, Scully noted that he's aware of the goal post being vandalized. He suggested a vendor who could possibly fix and make it more stable, at no cost to the Commission. He also offered to have the vendor contact Mancuso to discuss the matter further. Further discussion was had on the topic.

Request – MW Scrimmage Football Game 8/24

No one was present to speak regarding the request. Mancuso stated the person who contacted him provided the insurance documentation and was advised to present the request to the Commission during the meeting. After discussion, the Commission decided to approve the request.

On a motion made by Commissioner Calvano and seconded by Commissioner Sullivan

Resolved, to approve the field request for a MW High School Football Scrimmage Football game on Saturday, August 24th from 2pm to 10 pm.

Ayes: 5 Battaglia, Calvano, Burton, Sullivan, Conklin
Nays: 0

Park Recreation Director Report

Mancuso reported the following information to the Commission;

1. A copy of July Meeting Agenda 2019 (draft).
2. A copy of June 24, 2019 meeting minutes (draft).
3. A copy of an email from the MW Youth Lacrosse league. *Topic was previously discussed during topic# 4 of tonight's meeting. After further discussion, the Commission approved their field*

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request.

On a motion made by Commissioner Burton and seconded by Commissioner Sullivan

Resolved, to approve the MW Youth Lacrosse field request to host their Open House on October 5th, with an alternate date of October 21st.

Ayes: 5 Battaglia, Calvano, Burton, Sullivan, Conklin
Nays: 0

4. A copy of an email correspondence regarding the aforementioned field request for the Crusader Club Travel Baseball league. *Topic was previously discussed during the meeting agenda topic# 4.*
5. A copy of an email correspondence regarding the aforementioned MW POP Warner banner request. *Topic was previously discussed during the meeting agenda topic#5*
6. A copy of an email correspondence regarding the aforementioned field request for the MW JV Scrimmage Football Game. *Topic was previously discussed during the meeting agenda topic#6*
7. A copy of the 2019 Fall Program Ad.
8. A copy of the Park's Activity Calendar for August. *YAC ends on August 9th.*
9. A copy of the park's pavilion facilities. *The report includes the MW POP Warner request for their end of camp picnic.*
10. A copy of June's Maintenance Report. *YAC is going well. The Board of Health is requesting updates of immunization records for all staff and campers. All are in compliance with the immunization requirements. Camp overall has been manageable; no major injuries to report. Water activities have been used more frequently due to the warmer weather. The concession stand has been working out well. The lights on field three should be updated. With regard to the field goal post, he has already spoken with a vendor about repairing it and having it rethreaded. A tree fell on the swings by Franklin Ave. Lastly, tonight's bills includes a new invoice from Chazen.*

Park Manager's/Maintenance Report

Topic was discussed during the Park Recreation Director's report.

Old Business

Playground Update

No new updates at this time.

2019 Committees Report

No new updates at this time.

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Cameras

Previously discussed during the Park Recreation Director's report.

Land Encroachment

No new updates at this time. Case is undergoing discovery. Update will be available for the next meeting.

New Business

Please note that the Commission suspended the agenda to continue to discuss the previous/old business of travel baseball's field request, the hockey rink and MW POP Warner's banner requests. Afterwards, the Commission returned to the agenda.

Battaglia readdressed the travel baseball field request topic. Further discussion was had on the topic. The consensus of the Commission is that the park's schedule does not have enough field time available to fulfill their field request and to accommodate public usage.

On a motion made by Commissioner Conklin and seconded by Commission Burton

Resolved, to deny the Crusader Club Travel Baseball league's field usage request.

Ayes: 5 Battaglia, Calvano, Burton, Sullivan, Conklin
Nays: 0

The Commission revisited the topic of the hockey rink. Mancuso noted that the weather continues to delay the repairs to the rink. They will resume repairs in August.

The Commission also reviewed the banner request; the consensus of the Commission is that a standard criteria should be created for organizations to follow. Battaglia suggested a committee should be formed to further research this matter; the committee should also refer to the Village code for guidance. Calvano offered to review the Village Code. Further discussion was had on the topic.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion made by Commissioner Sullivan and seconded by Commissioner Conklin

to enter into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation at 9:06 pm

Ayes: 5 Battaglia, Calvano, Burton, Sullivan, Conklin
Nays: 0

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On a motion made by Commissioner Burton and seconded by Commissioner Conklin
to exit from Executive Session and return to open session at 9:22 pm

Ayes: 5 Battaglia, Calvano, Burton, Sullivan, Conklin
Nays: 0

Authorization for Motion to Approve and Pay the Bills

On a motion made by Commissioner Sullivan and seconded by Commissioner Calvano;

Resolved, to approve and pay the bills

Ayes: 5 Battaglia, Calvano, Burton, Sullivan, Conklin
Nays: 0

With no further business, on a motion from Commissioner Burton seconded by Commissioner Conklin the meeting was adjourned at 9:325 pm. Carried unanimously.

Priscilla Chang-Staley
Park Secretary