

Minutes of 3/1609

Park and Recreation Commission

1. **Meeting called to order – 7:05pm.**
2. **Roll Call:** Commissioners present: Sullivan, Logwood, Childs, McInerney, Donery, Kelly, Young, Interim Director - John DeLorenzo.
3. **Meet and Great – New Community Services Director – Dave Donery.** Position expected to begin approximately 4.13.09.
4. **Agenda Approved**
5. **Minutes Approved – with correction of spelling of commissioner Donery.**
6. **Open Time for Public Expression: No public expression**
7. **Scheduling of programs and activities of Red Hill Community Park (RHP)**
 - McInerney stated that concern was expressed by others regarding how RHP was going to be scheduled and wanted it brought up for discussion as an open and fair process. Thank you to Park and Recreation staff member Chris Thoennes for attending and giving a report.
 - Tam High School District schedules the RHP and Desone Parker is the staff member doing this.
 - RHP is looking to meet everyone in the community's needs
 - Use of field schedule will be posted on Tam District website.
 - Anyone wishing to schedule use of RHP fields should ultimately go thru Tam High School District.
 - McInerney asked regarding Memorial Park Snack Shack revenue if games are scheduled at RHP. Thoennes explained that in the past when games have been scheduled at Drake High School, snacks /drinks have been brought over and all revenue goes to Memorial Park Snack Shack, the same may be done for RHP.
 - Discussion regarding: coed softball league, fall soccer, SABA and WMLL juniors games, Bambino and Farm Club baseball, 14u girls softball tournament – all are programs scheduled to play at RHP.
 - If a new league or program wants to use the field, the process is: they go thru S.A. Park and Rec to initially see if it is a good fit and if it would be a town sponsored program – commissioner

Logwood stated he has gone through this process and it is user friendly and simple. The Director of Park and Recreation is always informed of decisions. If new league/program does not want to be a town sponsored program then they go directly to the Tam District and schedule with Desone Parker. **Commission asked for clarification as to who at Tam District makes the decision as to if something is approved.**

- Representatives of SABA (San Anselmo Baseball Association) and WMLL (West Marin Little League) present to discuss fee schedule for use of RHP and scheduling .
- Teddy Stray and Mike Giammona from WMLL present and asking for clarification of fees for use of RHP. WMLL would love to use the fields but the fees were a surprise to them and they need clarification. Rafael Alonso from SABA present and also wanted clarification of fees. WMLL and SABA looking forward to a new relationship and the great opportunity for Juniors Baseball to play on the field. Inquired about the possibility of a reduction in fee amount. They were encouraged to talk to the Tam District. Interim Community Services Director John DeLorenzo offered to sit down in his office with representatives of SABA and WMLL to discuss the scheduling and fee issues with the league representatives so they have a better understanding.
- Barbara Thornton – Member of JPA for Red Hill Park stated that all along a non-profit rate was envisioned for SABA baseball and so WMLL/SABA Juniors games will be at a rate of \$30.00/hr.
- McInerney brought up possibility of a fee for clubs to use the field to help pay for maintenance of the field. Debbie Stutsman stated that there has been a long-standing reciprocity between the Town and the Tamalpais Union High School District. Town has invested 100k and many hours to make the park a reality. Independent non-profit youth sports tend to pay user fees and the Town doesn't because of this long standing reciprocity. Also, all rental fees are going to the Tam District for maintenance.
- Red Hill Community Park JPA has set the following scheduling priority:
 1. Tamalpais Union High School District
 2. Town of San Anselmo (including SABA/WMLL)
 3. Sunny Hills School
 4. Local youth non-profit organizations
 5. Local adult non-profit organizations
 6. Other youth non-profit organizations
 7. Other non-profit organizations

8. Develop Youth Summer Sports Camps

- Logwood presented idea of formulating a Youth Summer Sports Camp to take advantage of the new state of the art community RHP field and local talent.
- Cost of running a sports camp like this is very profitable.
- The new Director (Donery), staff member Thoennes, and Logwood to sit down and come up with ideas of how to develop some programs.

9. Revenue and Expenditure Report

- DeLorenzo reports he reviewed budget and does not see any red flags
- We are at 65% projected revenue and 60% expenditures at 66.6% of the year
- Cost recovery rate is 88% which is very good.
- Budget is sound

10. Staff Update

Memorial Park Tennis courts

- Kelly and DeLorenzo working together on getting third party expert to come and evaluate courts.
- Warranty still in effect.

Redhill Community Park

- 4/5/09 Opening Ceremony
- 5/9/09 Opening of Dog Park

Park and Recreation Youth Representative

- Youth rep position approved. Application being finalized.
- Have started talking to Drake High School to get the word out regarding the new position
- Ordinance will be in effect 4/8/09

On-Line Registration

- This is on hold. Waiting to get vendor information and written documentation on the proposal.

Eggstravaganza

- 4/10 7:50pm for flashlight egg hunt for older kids
- 4/11 11:00am for traditional egg hunt

Community Services Director

- Selection process is completed and Dave Donery will be the new Director
- McInerney voiced that a lot of talented people applied and it is a tribute to the Town. Congratulations to Dave Donery.

Future Agenda Items:

- Tennis courts - Kelly
- Fee aspects, regular checks on how RHP is being scheduled
- Create vision plan/master plan

Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.