



Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes, November 17, 2015

1. Meeting called to order at 7:03pm
2. Roll Call: *Barberich, Brown, Burdo, Holtzer, Logwood, Machado*
3. Approval of 09/15/15 Minutes: M: Logwood / S: Holtzer / Ayes: 6 / Noes: 0
4. Open Time for Public Expression: None
5. Financial Report:
 - A. Review Recreation Fund Report for period ending October 31, 2015:

Commissioners commented that the department is doing well and complimented the staff on a job well done.
6. Action Items:
 - A. December Meeting - vote on meeting cancellation:

M = Burdo; S = Reber; Ayes: 6; Noes: 0
7. Program Reports:
 - A. Fall Sports Report - Greg Mihan:

Mihan informed the commission that he would give a more expanded report covering the entire year of 2015. He started with a report on the Youth Basketball program, explaining that it has evolved into a feeder program for those who will eventually move on to CYO, whose program includes 3rd through 5th grades. At present, due to unavailability of the Red Hill Church gym, the Ross School Gym is currently being used. Mihan reported that the Soccer program has just finished, focusing on the great success, especially, of the U:19 component. He also include a brief report for each of the Tennis, Cross Country, Bambino Baseball, SoccerKids, Skateboard and Patrick Conroy Baseball programs finishing with Adult Tennis and Softball programs. With regard to using our own basketball court for youth basket ball programs, the commission suggested that the department invest in two portable short hoops instead of commandeering the DPW crew to lower the existing ones, expressing concern that they may be abused, damaged or broken by older users as a result of them being left in a lowered position for the duration of the youth basketball season. Mihan agreed that this was a valid point and would research possibilities. Holtzer asked about lacrosse as a program option to which Mihan answered that, as of right now, we don't have anyone to run it. Reber suggested getting a SoccerKids-type lacrosse organization and design it as a feeder program. Burdo asked if the department does anything to show appreciation to Rich and Rabi, who have been instrumental in the success of our sports programs. Mihan replied that we don't have anything in place, at present, and agreed that it would be appropriate.
8. Discussion Items:
 - A. Memorial Park Update:

Burdo reported, acknowledging that the passing of Measure D, preventing Memorial Park from being used as a flood detention basin, begs the question "What next?". At present, DPW director, Sean Condry, is looking into possible alternative ways in which the grant money might be allocated for park improvements. Burdo stated that completion of the current project for raising town bridges is now a major priority. Reber asked if we have learned anything from this process that can be applied to the process for building a new Community Center? Burdo stated that community education is key and it will have to go to ballot when the time comes. Holtzer stated that we need to focus on what improvements need to be made to Memorial Park such as a new irrigation system and playground. Burdo agreed. Machado asked if the Town is still maintaining Memorial Park because, if so, Rich and Rafi have funds to allocate for field improvements.

9. **Staff Updates:**

A. Goblin's Spooktacular - review:

Mihan reported that this event was successful and continues to be very popular.

B. Skate Plaza Project - update:

Mihan reported that the Grand Opening was held last weekend, and that it went very well. He stated that it was well coordinated. He spoke with several of the more highly skilled skaters, asking where they went before this plaza was available. They told him they went to Corte Madera or Novato and they are really appreciative to have the MP Skate Plaza. Holtzer reported that she has seen too many skaters there without helmets. Burdo stated that the Skate Plaza Steering Committee needs to tighten up their oversight program.

C. December Special Events - Updates on Lighting Ceremony and Breakfast with Santa:

Mihan reported that the Lighting Ceremony will be at Imagination Park on December 5th and Breakfast with Santa on the following Saturday on December 12th at Fire Station 19.

10. **Commission comments and questions, requests for future agenda items:**

- Mihan shared that his father has been a member of the San Rafael P & R Commission for many years now and wanted to express his thanks to the San Anselmo P & R Commissioners, stating that "you do a great job!"
- Holtzer requested that discussion of MP improvements be put on the January agenda.
- Burdo requested that a Community Facilities Master Plan update be put on the January agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

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