



Norwich Recreation Department

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Minutes of the Recreation Advisory Board Special Meeting December 2, 2020 Meeting recorded on ZOOM

Present: Jeff Blinderman, Bill Nash, Derrell Wilson, Lee-Ann Gomes, Cheryl Hancin-Preston

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Meeting began at 6:00pm. Minutes of the 9-23-20 meeting were approved

Old Business: Cheryl reviewed some CIP projects, namely the irrigation system at Jennings. This project needed additional funding of about \$7000 which Lee and Cheryl have secured by asking the City to appropriate unspent CIP funds from other projects. The project is finished and the field has water for the first time in many years. The concession stand is also complete and the Rec was able to add some new bleachers. We will replace some signage and add bumpers to the newly painted parking lot. There may be some changes to the walking track as it encroaches on the field.

There are about 300 youth who use this field for football. It was suggested that NYFL try to fundraise to improve the lighting there.

Irrigation projects at Ouellette and Fountain fields are completed. Cheryl mentioned that our Rec budget was increased to include the cost of watering all these newly irrigated fields.

The Rec ran advertised 26 program for the fall and only canceled 11. All classes comply with the governors guidelines on sports.

It was noted that Rec did a great job running men's softball this year and many people liked how the program was run.

New Business; There is a new executive order that reduces the capacity of indoor sports from 50% to 25%. Rec is complying with these regs. We have advertised activities for the winter and will keep groups under 10 people. We are tracking what the CIAC is doing with sports (no indoor teams until at least January 19), although the Rec's decision is made in collaboration with the Mayor and City Manager.

Other projects will include checking to make sure the walls at the Greenville basketball courts are sound, skate board park repairs and basketball court resurfacing. We have asked for funding to repair the MoPeep building which can be used for more program space which will generate revenue.

PREP is still up and running and we will focus efforts on advertising to ensure Norwich parents know about this service.

Disc golf is beginning and Cheryl has offered to organize leagues with them. She will reach out again.

The meeting adjourned at 6:42pm.

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