

MOHEGAN PARK IMPROVEMENT & DEVELOPMENT

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday January 10, 2019 7:30P.M.

Norwich Public Works Conference Room

50 Clinton Ave Norwich, CT Regular Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Beryl Fishbone at 7:30P.M.

Committee members present; Beryl Fishbone, Judy Magnano, Bill Barbuto, Alderman Sam Browning, Samantha Venturo, Rebecca Melucci, Pat Mcglaughlin (filling in for Ryan Thompson)

Absent; Kyle Seitz, Ryan Thompson.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Bill Barbuto , seconded by Rebecca Melucci, the committee Unanimously approved the Minutes of the regular meeting held November 8, 2018.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Financial report was provided by Pat Mcglaughlin. Interest was earned and there were no expenditures. Bill Barbuto asked if it was possible to contact the Town Treasurers Dept to see if we could have the majority of the balance transferred into a higher interest earning CD in a local bank seeing as we have no major expenses in the foreseeable future. Alderman Sam Browning made a motion for Bill Barbuto to contact the Treasurer to see if this was possible, seconded by Rebecca Melucci.

4. OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE

None.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Election of MPIDAC Officers; Beryl Fishbone Chairperson, Bill Barbuto Secretary.
- b. Disc Golf Updates: None as Kyle Seitz was absent.
- c. Disc-Golf Sub Committee Nominations; Kyle Seitz, Semantha Venturo,

Alderman Sam Browning, Rebecca Melucci, Ryan Thompson. All future meetings may follow our regular MPIDAC committee meetings. Will be decided at our next meeting.

- d. Special event days; These dates were discussed **BUT NOTHING WAS FINALIZED.** Saturday Feb 16 Great American Bird count, Monday April 22 Earth Day (Park & Trails Cleanup), Friday April 26 Arbor Day, Saturday June 1 National Trails Day, Thursday June 6 National Garden Exercise Day, Sunday June 23 CT Historic Gardens Day, Saturday Sept 28 National Public Lands Day.
- e. Pat McLaughlin informed us that Spaulding Pond Had been lowered the 6 feet and with the coming winter freeze of the water they are hoping the invasive plant will be killed off naturally.
- f. Committee members discussed the frequent sightings of dogs being walked in the park both on a leash and running freely and raised concerns about the safety and liability this presents to all park visitors. We hope we can possibly discuss this matter with the Town Council in the near future and come to a Mutual Agreement on a safe Designated Area or Trail (Something similar to the Asylum Street Dog Park Perhaps). Something that would safely separate any Dog interactions from the main Population areas (Playground & Beach Areas). We all Agree we want to ensure the utmost Safety & Enjoyment of All while visiting the park.

6. CITIZEN COMMENT

Tim Smith of 43 Beech Street Norwich, CT presented to our committee his many Observations of Mohegan Park. He included the locations of some abandoned homeless encampments, discarded barbed wire, fencing and posts that he hoped the Dept of Public Works might clean up in the near future. He also hoped that there was a Park Ranger that might signal some presence of authority in the park.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made to adjourn by Samantha Venturo, seconded by Rebecca Melucci and voted unanimously by the committee. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 P.M.