

**MOHEGAN PARK IMPROVEMENT & DEVELOPMENT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Thursday, January 13, 2022 – 6:30 P.M.

Regular Meeting

A virtual meeting to comply with the directive of Executive Order 7B-1 issued by Governor Ned Lamont on March 14, 2020 together with any Executive Orders subsequently issued which pertain to such meetings.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Beryl Fishbone at 6:40 P.M. Committee members present: Beryl Fishbone, Rebecca Melucci, Judy Magnano and Patrick McLaughlin (Ex-Officio). Absent: Samantha Venturo and Councilman Grant Neuendorf (misinformed on meeting location)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Rebecca Melucci to accept the minutes of the September 9, 2021 and the November 10, 2021 meetings, seconded by Judy Magnano and voted unanimously by the committee.

3. NEW BUSINESS

- a. A thank you was given to Councilwoman Stacy Gould for all of her hard work on this committee. A welcome to new Council representative, Grant Neuendorf will be given at the March meeting.
- b. Beryl Fishbone reminded everyone to put the 2022 meeting schedule on their calendars.
- c. Beryl Fishbone suggested peer to peer education programs for high school and college students and senior citizens. Subjects could include forestry, woodlands, native plants, invasive plants, etc.
- d. Beryl Fishbone reminded everyone the Backyard Bird Count will take place from February 18th through February 21st.
- e. Beryl Fishbone also reminded everyone that the UConn Master Gardener Program will be distributing seed packets again this year.
- f. Patrick McLaughlin suggested a public informational meeting and Beryl Fishbone said we should present to the council in early spring.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Patrick McLaughlin gave updates on the playground equipment, the adult fitness stations and disc golf expansion all part of the American Rescue Plan funding. He suggested 7 adult fitness stations be placed at 150'

intervals in the vicinity of the toddler play area. Patrick, with professional disc golfer, Greg Wintrob, has made minor revisions to the disc golf expansion project. The length of the course has been increased and alternate baskets, long and short, on some holes might be installed.

- b. The City Council approved a pavilion rental fee increase from \$200 to \$225.
- c. Brochure update: Judy Magnano had 250 brochures printed at Stanton School print shop. Beryl Fishbone suggested several places for distribution. Patrick McLaughlin will put the brochure on the city website.
- d. DPW Report: Patrick McLaughlin said DPW has replaced the bottom portion of the wall of the Lakeside Pavilion.

5. CITIZEN COMMENT

Maryann Nicholas and Rob Harris, both hoping to fill vacancies on the committee, were in attendance. Rob Harris suggested placing kiosks, noting local restaurants and events, near the disc golf area and throughout the park.

6. OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Printing bill for brochures.

7. FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report was provided by Patrick McLaughlin. A motion was made by Rebecca Melucci to approve the printing bill for the brochure. It was seconded by Judy Magnano and voted unanimously by the committee.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made to adjourn by Rebecca Melucci, seconded by Judy Magnano and voted unanimously by the committee. The meeting adjourned at 7:19 P.M.

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