

**MOHEGAN PARK IMPROVEMENT & DEVELOPMENT  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Thursday, March 10, 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 6:31 P.M. Committee members present: Beryl Fishbone, Rebecca Melucci, Marianne Nicholas, Robert Harris, Judy Magnano, Councilman Grant Neuendorf and Patrick McLaughlin (Ex-Officio). Absent: Samantha Venturo.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Rebecca Melucci to accept the minutes of the January 13, 2022 meeting, seconded by Judy Magnano and voted unanimously by the committee.

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. The schedule of upcoming regular meetings was presented to new members of the committee by Beryl Fishbone. They are as follows:
  - i. Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 50 Clinton Ave. or via Zoom
  - ii. Thursday, July 14, 2022 at 50 Clinton Ave. or via Zoom
  - iii. Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 50 Clinton Ave. or via Zoom
  - iv. Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 50 Clinton Ave. or via Zoom
- b. A welcome was given to new City Council representative, Grant Neuendorf and newly appointed MPIDAC members Marianne Nicholas and Robert Harris. Beryl Fishbone congratulated Rebecca Melucci, Samantha Venturo and Judy Magnano on their re-appointments to the committee.
- c. City Council Informational: Patrick McLaughlin thought it unnecessary to present to the City Council this year. Beryl Fishbone said she will take care of informing the Council.
- d. Handicapped parking spaces: Beryl Fishbone has received inquiries regarding additional handicapped parking spaces. Patrick McLaughlin said there will be more handicapped spaces near the beach area. Signs will be installed before mid April.

- e. Trail marking: Beryl Fishbone said she will get paint to freshen up the trail markers.
- f. DPW Report: Patrick McLaughlin said interior work and lower wall repair has been done at the Lakeside Pavilion. Pavilion rentals have been going well.

#### **4. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Patrick McLaughlin said new toddler playground equipment, all part of the American Rescue Plan funding, has been ordered. Old fencing will be removed and tree trimming in the area has been completed.
- b. Patrick McLaughlin provided photos and specifications about the new outdoor adult fitness equipment, also part of the American Rescue Plan funding. He said that 8 fitness stations might be affordable with some wheelchair/handicapped assessable. He suggested 2 pieces of equipment at four places spaced 100 feet apart. Robert Harris asked about maintenance and Patrick McLaughlin said they should be maintenance free. Patrick stated that NPW could install equipment on 8 inch cement slabs. Rebecca Melucci suggested sanitizing stations near the equipment and Marianne Nicholas suggested signage. It was concluded that sanitizers would not be provided. Beryl Fishbone said she could get Navy volunteers to help with the installations.
- c. Disc Golf: Patrick McLaughlin said he has been in contact with gas company officials regarding the gas line that runs through the center of the disc golf expansion area. They are concerned with installation equipment that will be running over the gas line.
- d. Beryl Fishbone thanked everyone who participated in the Great Backyard Bird Count. Multiple counts were reported.

#### **5. CITIZEN COMMENT**

#### **6. OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **7. FINANCIAL REPORT**

The financial report was provided by Patrick McLaughlin.

#### **8. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made to adjourn by Rebecca Melucci, seconded by Judy Magnano and voted unanimously by the committee. The meeting adjourned at 7:14 P.M.

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