

Northville Parks and Recreation Commission
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, September 23, 2020
Virtual Meeting
Time: 6:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order: Chairperson Nix called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

2. Roll Call: Robert R. Nix
 Brian Turnbull
 Symantha Heath
 Mindy Herrmann
 Angela Jaafar
 Barbara Moroski-Browne

Staff: Todd Mutchler, Pat Sullivan, Mark Gasche, Shannon Coker

3. Citizen Comments:

- A. Lisa Dirado spoke on removing restrictions for facility rentals for political and religious events.
- B. Beverly Schornhorst requested that the A-Green baseball club be removed from the restricted list of teams in the NBSA Facility Rental Agreement.

4. Adoption of Agenda and Consent Agenda: Motion by Commissioner Moroski-Browne to amend the Regular Agenda to include two items under New Business and amend the Consent Agenda to: Approval of the July 22, 2020 Meeting Minutes, second by Commissioner Herrmann – Approved unanimously. Motion by Commissioner Heath to approve the Agenda and Consent Agenda items, as amended, second by Commissioner Turnbull – Approved 5 in favor, 1 abstain (Jafarr, who wasn't present at the July 22 meeting).

5. Department Reports:

- A. Departmental Report – presented by Recreation Superintendent Coker (attached)
- B. P&R Updates – presented by Director Gasche (attached)
- C. COVID Update – presented by Director Gasche (attached)
- D. Pension and OPEB Reports – presented by Chair Nix (attached)

Motion by Commissioner Moroski-Browne to receive and file the Reports as presented, second by Commissioner Herrmann – Approved unanimously.

6. Old Business:

- A. Report on request to make baseball/softball fields available for rent – presented by Director Gasche (attached). Recommendation will be presented at the November Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

7. New Business:

- A. Discussion on policy/practice of not renting facilities for political or religious events. Motion by Commissioner Jaafar to approve the pavilion rental request by Lisa Dirado, second by Commissioner Heath – Approved Unanimously. Motion by Commission Moroski-Browne to form a Study Committee to review the facility rental/use policies in an attempt to develop consistency between the City, Township, and Northville Public Schools, second by Commissioner Heath – Approved unanimously. Commissioners Heath, Herrmann, Jaafar, and Moroski-Browne will sit on the committee.

B. A report was made on a possible IRS violation for a 501C-3 Non-profit organization (Northville Soccer Association), who Parks and Recreation has a contractual relationship with, by a political campaign letter that was sent out to it's membership. Commissioner Turnbull made a motion to request legal counsel on the possible violation from the Township Attorney, second by Commissioner Heath – Approved unanimously. Commissioner Moroski-Browne will get a copy of the communication involving the possible violation to the other Commissioners for review; a decision will be made whether or not to call a special meeting.

8. Any other business or public comment for the Parks and Recreation Commission:

- A. Jack Tsalis spoke about his friend and Enzo Duhn about his brother, Dominic, who was a victim in a fatal skateboard/vehicle accident recently in the Township. They would like to pursue building a skate park in memory of Dominic. It was suggested that Jack put a plan together with size, type of park features, and cost estimate, then discuss the plan with Director Gasche.
- B. Bill Jenney stated that state laws require municipal parks be open to all and requested that baseball fields be rented to other teams/groups when not in use by NBSA.
- C. Commissioner Jaafar noted that there will be a Northville Public School Board Candidate Forum on September 29th.

9. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the meeting by Commissioner Turnbull, second by Commissioner Moroski-Browne. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Next Meeting: November 18, 2020 (**Note change from normal meeting date.**)