

Harrington Park Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2023 8:00 pm

Call Meeting to Order

Chair Rob Hwang opened the meeting at 8:15 with the following public announcement: In compliance with Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, adequate notice of the scheduled meeting was made. It is posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Center. Copies have been mailed to the BERGEN RECORD, SUBURBANITE, and THE NORTHERN VALLEY PRESS. A copy has been filed with the Borough Clerk, and copies have been mailed to individuals requesting the same.

Roll Call

COMMISSION Members	PRESENT	ABSENT
Thomas Donnelly	On the phone	
Jennifer Fischer	x	
Robert Hwang	x	
Mahdad Parsi	x	
Ashley Plescia	x	
Matthew Saland	Joined at 8:45 on the phone	
Councilwoman Chung	x	
Lara Toomin, Recreation Director		x

Minutes January 2023 Ashley moved to accept the minutes, second Jennifer. All in favor. Carried.

Tennis court Grant Councilwoman Chung shared that the first round of grants brought in \$87,000; the second brought in \$145,000. Thus, the town will match about \$230,000. The project has gone out to bid. We will know in early April who has bid and for how much. IF the bids are more than \$100,000 over what we have to spend we can reject them and go for other bids or possibly construct two courts and repurpose the first \$87,000 for something else.

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The next Open Space cycle begins in April, and we need to send an "Intent to File." Dugouts and backstops are possible projects. Councilwoman Chung, Rob, and the engineer will walk the area and discuss what the needs are.

Councilwoman Chung stated that the town wants to do a townwide power washing (playgrounds, bleachers, benches) and cut back the poison ivy.

Three Brothers Landscaping spruced up the 9/11 Memorial and want to power wash it. We will buy hoses. They also came up with a plan for the pavilion. We would buy the plants; they would supply the labor.

Perhaps down the road the DPW could buy a power washer, but they don't have a lot of room to house equipment.

The Field Maintenance bid package went out.

Councilwoman Chung related that we are allowed to participate in social media. Rob will speak to the CFO and find out what email address should be used for a Recreation landing page.

The Opening Day will be on April 22, not 15. The Softball Commissioner secured a donation from ShopRite.

Matt reported that the person who had been excited to give a bid on the Highland basketball court has disappeared. Matt will email the Commission next week

The benches have not been ordered yet. Rob will meet with the CFO on Friday. Brian Hutchinson is interested in painting the back field fence. He just wants to be reimbursed. Matt asked the Baseball Commissioner, who supported the idea. Ashley moved to allow the painting of the fence black and the building blue and white, second Rob.

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COMMISSION Members	YES	NO
Thomas Donnelly	On the phone	
Jennifer Fischer	x	
Robert Hwang	x	
Mahdad Parsi	x	
Ashley Plescia	x	
Matthew Saland	On the phone	

Carried.

Invoices: Matt will discuss them with the Sports Director. Bob Germano will be using the field. Speed Soccer should pay for field use in advance of camps and should return to a legal contract if that is not done. Council woman Chung and Matt will write to them that payment in full for last summer is due now in order for the April camp to go ahead as planned. Ashley pointed out that the fields are too wet in April for their use to be a good idea. Maybe say no next year. Also, the paperwork says that half of all payments are due up front so they have to pay all back payments and ½ of 2023.

Norwood Raiders: A Norwood Councilman reached out to the CFO, Rec Director, and DPW stating that they want Harrington Park to contribute \$15,500 per year. Councilwoman Chung pointed out that as it is an independent organization we are unable to give them Harrington Park taxpayer money. We could possibly supply fields, although we do not have lights. Tom suggested that we share practice fields and try to have games at the High School.

Mahdad asked whether there is any interest in a hybrid (in-person/zoom) meeting. Councilwoman Chung will check with the attorney.

Park Monitoring (Prior to Meeting Each Month to Allow for Reporting at Meeting)

Pondside

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Highland Field

George Street

HP School

Beechwood

Don Horsey

Columbus

Grants/Budgets

Other Items/Updates

Adjourn Mahdad moved to adjourn, second Ashley. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Next regularly scheduled meeting is April 12 at 8:00 pm. Please note that this is during the school's spring break. If you know this is a problem please advise.

Respectfully submitted,

Marti Francis

Recording Secretary