

**MOHEGAN PARK IMPROVEMENT & DEVELOPMENT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Thursday, March 12, 2020 – 6:30 P.M.
Norwich Public Works Conference Room
50 Clinton Avenue, Norwich, CT

Regular Meeting

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Beryl Fishbone at 6:34 P.M.
Committee members present: Beryl Fishbone, Judy Magnano, Rebecca Melucci, Samantha Venturo, Kyle Seitz, Alderwoman Stacy Gould, Patrick McLaughlin (Ex-Officio).

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Stacy Gould, seconded by Rebecca Melucci, the committee unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 9, 2020.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report was provided by Patrick McLaughlin. A motion to accept was made by Samantha Venturo and seconded by Rebecca Melucci and voted unanimously by the committee.

4. OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Public Utilities Department has contacted Public Works Department for advice and assistance with a “Bring your child to work” project on April 23rd. The intent is to plant trees in 3 places in the park. Patrick McLaughlin will suggest planting locations and DPW will assist as needed.

5. CITIZEN COMMENT

Charles Boughton of 11 Beechwood Blvd., Norwich, CT asked for policy information regarding dogs and dirt bikes.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. DPW Report: Patrick McLaughlin reported that the park bathroom project is underway. New straight pipes have replaced old pipe configurations to prevent backups. The fountain will also be repainted. The Spaulding Pond water level is almost back to normal. Park signs have been fabricated but not up yet.
- b. Disc Golf Update: Kyle Seitz and his sub-committee have secured enough funds (through aggressive fundraising) to begin the disc golf project. Kyle Seitz is getting necessary permits while working on map coordinates and

other preliminary tasks. A pancake breakfast fundraiser will be held at Billy Wilson's in June. Kyle Seitz suggested a singular disc golf basket be placed in the park center for handicapped access. A motion to approve was made by Stacy Gould and seconded by Rebecca Melucci and voted unanimously by the committee.

- c. Food Trucks in the Park: Alderwoman Stacy Gould reported that as of March 9, 2020, any person requesting a food vendor permit shall adhere to following minimum insurance requirements.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Park Activities for 2020:
 - i. National Trails Day: June 6th. Samantha Venturo has volunteered to freshen trail markers.
 - ii. National Garden Exercise Day: June 6th. Samantha Venturo has found someone to lead an hour long exercise group beginning at 9:00 a.m., in the Rose Garden.
 - iii. National Public Lands Day: September 26th
 - iv. CT Historic Gardens Day: June 28th
- b. Back to School Movie Night: Samantha Venturo has contacted a person willing to let us use a movie screen. They will collaborate on a date. Bully Busters will lend their popcorn machine.
- c. Patrick McLaughlin displayed a sample image of a 4"x 6" sign that would be used to identify various species of trees in the park.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made to adjourn by Rebecca Melucci, seconded by Samantha Venturo and voted unanimously by the committee. The meeting adjourned at 7:36 P.M.

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