

**MOHEGAN PARK IMPROVEMENT & DEVELOPMENT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Thursday, September 9, 2021 – 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 6:30 P.M. Committee members present: Beryl Fishbone, Judy Magnano, Alderwoman Stacy Gould, Rebecca Melucci, and Patrick McLaughlin (Ex-Officio). Absent: Samantha Venturo

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Stacy Gould to accept the minutes of the July 8, 2021 meeting, seconded by Rebecca Melucci and voted unanimously by the committee.

3. NEW BUSINESS

- a. American Rescue Plan funding: Patrick McLaughlin lobbied very hard to get the City Council to allocate \$200,000 for Mohegan Park improvements. The improvements are; \$120k to replace the toddler playscape including some handicapped equipment, \$50k for adult fitness equipment, and \$30k for a 9 basket expansion for the disc golf course. MPIDAC thanks Mayor Nystrom, the City Council and the City Manager.
- b. Due to an increase in lumber prices, additional funds were needed for the disc golf kiosk. A motion was made by Stacy Gould to approve an additional \$200 for a total of \$900 for the kiosk. It was seconded by Rebecca Melucci and voted unanimously by the committee.
- c. Beryl Fishbone plans to meet with the Avalonia Land Conservancy for thoughts on promotion and preservation of Mohegan Park.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Stacy Gould suggested a moderate increase in pavilion rental fee from \$200 to \$225 beginning the next rental season. A recommendation will be brought to the first October meeting of the City Council.
- b. Review of handicapped parking: Patrick McLaughlin said that DPW is behind in line painting due to rain and short staffing. The Beach Lot has 100 spaces and 4 will be designated handicapped. The upper lot has 67

spaces including 2 handicapped and an additional handicapped space will be added. The lower lot has 162 spaces including 5 handicapped and there is 1 handicapped space near Animal Control. The group pavilion can accommodate 100 spaces and will be marked next spring. The Rose Garden has 4 spaces and 1 will be designated handicapped.

- c. Brochure update: Judy Magnano will provide a copy of the brochure for review next week. Since there will be additional equipment added to the park, Stacy Gould suggested having a small number printed at Stanton School print shop.
- d. DPW Report: Patrick McLaughlin said DPW will be redoing the Group Pavilion roof.

5. OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Letter of resignation from Kyle Seitz.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report was provided by Patrick McLaughlin.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made to adjourn by Rebecca Melucci, seconded by Stacy Gould and voted unanimously by the committee. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

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