

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
August 1, 2022
6:00 pm in the Civic Center
Minutes & General Account

Parks and Recreation Members Present: Jay McQuillan, Chair; Daniel McDaniel, Denise Bowie, & Charles Clapp, Jr.

Parks and Recreation Members Absent: Doug Sampson, Vice Chair; Jim Pendry & Amy Reese

Council Member Representative: John Capes

Staff Members Present: Katie M. Weiner, Anna Hawryluk, & Scott Coakley

Visitors Present: Sydney Coakley

Call to Order- McQuillan called the meeting to order.

Approval of minutes from the March 7, 2022 meeting- Clapp made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 7th Parks and Recreation meeting. Bowie made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Discussion of Accessibility for Parks (AFP) Grant Program- Coakley came forward. He stated that staff would like to apply for the AFP Grant. He added that it was not offered every year like the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund Grant (PARTF). He stated that the AFP Grant was a one to five match. He said that it would pay for an accessible playground that would benefit those with special needs. Coakley stated that the new playground could become a national demonstration site which would track needs of the people that were using the new facilities. He added that the application was due by November 1st and that the Town's match would be \$100,000. Coakley requested that the Parks and Recreation Committee support the application.

Hawryluk spoke about the AFP application and said that it was almost identical to the one staff had submitted for PARTF. She noted that the Town could benefit from the close proximity of Haynes-Inman and CJ Greene education centers to the Jamestown Park. She added that those that attended the schools would benefit from an accessible playground area. Hawryluk spoke about the details of the universal design of the structures. She added that the proposed plan included outdoor fitness equipment and yard games for the playground area. Hawryluk said that the application required support from the Parks and Recreation Committee. She noted that staff would also meet with civic groups and hold a public meeting. She added that staff would seek a PlayCore grant which would assist with the playground equipment costs. Hawryluk stated that the AFP grant awards would be made in Spring 2023 and that the Town would have two years to complete the project.

The Parks and Recreation Committee Members discussed the details of the grant application with Hawryluk and Coakley.

Motion of Support for AFP Grant Project- Daniel McDaniel made a motion to support the AFP Grant application for the Town of Jamestown. Clapp made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

General Updates on Parks and Recreation- Coakley stated that the concrete pad at shelter #2 at the Jamestown Park was in the process of being replaced. He added that the Parks and Rec staff had been preparing the fields for soccer seasons. He noted that the Town would provide Wi-Fi at the Park in the near future. Coakley also stated that there were plans for the construction of restrooms at Wrenn Miller Park after the last Music in the Park concert on October 7th.

The Parks and Rec Members discussed the location of the new restrooms at Wrenn Miller Park with Coakley.

Other Business- Hawryluk stated that staff had been working on a Comprehensive Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. She noted that she would send a draft of the Plan for the Parks and Rec Committee to review. She noted that it would be available on August 12th and encouraged them to provide feedback on the draft.

Public Comment- Nobody spoke.

Adjournment- Bowie made a motion to adjourn. McDaniel made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

The meeting ended at 6:24 pm.