



City of Holyoke

Holyoke Parks & Recreation - Commission Meeting
Tuesday September 20th, 2022, 5:30 pm
City Hall 536 Dwight Street Holyoke – Parks and Rec Office
P & R Meeting Minutes

Parks & Recreation Department

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1. Call to Order

Holyoke City Clerk's

Commissioner Jose Bayron called the meeting to order at 5:39 pm. Holyoke Mayor Helene Busby, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director Maureen Tisdell and Parks and Recreation Director Tom Reynolds were present.

2. Acceptance of Minutes from July 19th, 2022, Meeting – Commissioner Jose Bayron made a motion to accept the minutes. Commissioner Helene Busby seconded the motion.

3. City Council Order

Introduced by Councilor Todd A. McGee ordered that the Parks & Rec Department establish a pickle ball court at the tennis court locations around the city. In City Council, August 2, 2022. Received and adopted. Referred to the Parks and Recreation Department. Mayor's response was contingent upon the funding and priority. Reynolds explained the status of the pickleball courts being lined at Crosier Tennis Courts (2 end courts) and Jones Point Tennis Courts (all 4 courts). Commissioners discussed that signage for pickleball courts would be beneficial to be displayed on fence outside the courts for public acknowledgment.

4. Old Business

- a. Mayer field Update – Playground Installation 99% complete, walkway from street to installation currently being installed, fence and gate to be next, field improvements completed in spring.
- b. Roberts Field Garage Storage – HHS hurdles are removed with a few track and field items remaining. Will be cleaned in the coming weeks.
- c. Roberts Tennis Lights – meeting with HG&E about getting lights above volleyball/ handball courts to work and the status of function.
- d. Miracle League of Western Mass Playground – Playground has been ordered but will not be shipped until April 2023.
- e. Myriam Miranda Plaque Installation – completed and installed at Ely court.

5. New Business

- a. **Community Field Skating Path – went over the price to bring the path up to compliance and getting it back online with upgrades to ventilation & detection systems.**
- b. **Jones Ferry Signage – Connecticut River Conservation / Holyoke rows will be putting in some signage at Jones Ferry and want to make sure that all language is parallel with the city would like to see down at the Ramp. CRC representatives will be attending next P&R meeting to present signage ideas with commission.**
- c. **CDBG – brainstormed ideas for next round of CDBG funding. To be continued to next meeting.**
- d. **CPA – brainstormed ideas for next round of CDBG funding. To be continued to next meeting.**

6. Recreation Events

- a. **Back to School Event – August 20th, 2022**
- b. **Handball Tournament – August 12th, 2022**
- c. **Stop the Violence Basketball Tournament – August 27th, 2022**
- d. **Senior Fest Picnic – September 16th, 2022**
- e. **Valley Cup Field Hockey Tournament – October 15-16th, 2022**
- f. **Halloween / Fall Event – Harpers Haven – October 29th, 2022**
- g. **Tree Lighting / Parade – December 3rd, 2022**

7. Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned at 7:03

**Tom Reynolds
Parks & Recreation Director**

Addendum:

The listing of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Parks & Recreation Commissioners which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law