



Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes

Tuesday, November 12, 2019 12:00 p.m.
Harrigan Centennial Hall
330 Harbor Drive

Members: Chair – James Poulson, Beth Smith, Barbara Morse,
Brandon Marx, Rich Krupa, Susan Compagno
Assembly Liaison: Kevin Knox

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Poulson called the meeting to order at approximately 12:17 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: James Poulson, Beth Smith, Brandon Marx, Rich Krupa, Susan Compagno

Absent: Barbara Morse (excused)

Assembly Liaison: Kevin Knox (absent)

Staff Present: Deputy Clerk Melissa Henshaw

Others: Lynne Brandon, Randy Hitchcock

III. AGENDA CHANGES

None.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. October 8, 2019

M – Smith / S – Compagno moved to approve the October 8, 2019 minutes. Motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

V. REPORTS

Chair: None.

Members: None.

City Staff: Henshaw relayed since Colliver could not attend the meeting that he was in the final stages of interview for the Grounds Specialist Maintenance position and that the Install gate at Upper Men's field item could be postponed.

Assembly Liaison: Not in attendance.

Other(s): None.

VI. PERSONS TO BE HEARD (For items OFF the agenda - Not to Exceed 3 Minutes)

None.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

B. Upper Moller Field Use

Marx stated there had been many meetings with stakeholders over the last several months and although not everyone was pleased, felt the new policy was a good compromise. He noted that it was by unanimous consent. Chair Poulson inquired of the lines. Krupa answered that they would most likely be red or gray, have the least impact, damage, harm to the field and they would be able to be washed off. Krupa told of a list of priority users that the city would have with contact information.

M – Smith / S – Compagno moved to recommend approval of the Athletic Field Use Policy and Guidelines as it stands. Motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

Marx went over the changes to the document noting that it sets up a new framework with stakeholders communicating which included three meetings per year, priority use, a calendar, and a 45-day opening for non-priority users to book the field.

Public Comment: Randy Hitchcock stated that all agreed to the changes. Lynne Brandon suggested a couple of members attend the Assembly meeting and that a memo be included.

Chair Poulson noted the typo and confirmed that the soccer players were OK with the color stated in the policy. Smith thanked the subcommittee for their work.

C. Funding

Marx felt this agenda items should be a standing item and that it would require time and energy. Henshaw relayed that Morse had talked to legislators and city employees. Marx was still interested in a ¼% sales tax to dedicate to parks and recreation funding.

Public Comment: Lynne Brandon suggested talking to the American Legion and Jonathan Kreiss Tomkins. She felt like there were funding possibilities out there including in-kind donations. Randy Hitchcock felt that a plan was needed and thought to have the field serve as many needs/activities as possible. He added that the sales tax increase could go away once the need of the field was met. Hitchcock offered to put together a visual of the wants/needs of the field.

Henshaw informed there was a 2002 geo tech report and 2011 turf surfacing feasibility study. Discussion occurred around the special issue, playground areas, drainage, type of turf, having a floating field like Upper Moller and the idea of attending the health summit (December 13, 2019). Compagno thought to look at a broad use for the field that included rugby, football, soccer, lacrosse, track, cross country, little league.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

D. Install gate at Upper Men's field

This item would be discussed at the next regular meeting.

IX. PERSONS TO BE HEARD (For items on or off the agenda - Not to Exceed 3 Minutes)

Lynne Brandon, Sitka Trail Works commented that there were trees that came down on Mosquito Cove trail and the trail would be closed until it could get cleaned up.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Marx moved to adjourn the meeting, seeing no objection, the meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

Attest:

Melissa Henshaw, Deputy Clerk