

CHATHAM PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
6-16-2020 6:30 PM via Google meet

in Attendance: John Wapner, Kevin Weldon, Vance Pitkin, town supervisor (Donal Collins), Al Meier, Anita Fiorillo, Mike West, Jay Thorn, Judi Matthews, Jim Marks, Betsy Winters-Russell

1. Report from Mike West

A. Pavilion update - construction delayed due to Covid-19. Work has resumed recently with a projected end date of early September 2020.

B. What is open at Crellin Park update – allowed are the following activities; fishing, walking, tennis (singles play only) and working in the community garden.

C. Trails update – some clearing has been done to link Crellin Park trails to the trails at PS21. PS21 has established and is maintaining walking trails on their property. They are eager for the two systems to be linked.

D. Waterfront at Crellin Park – Re-opening the discussion of opening this area to the public has taken place. If possible we would like this to be included in the agenda for the Town of Chatham Board Meeting Thursday June 18, 2020.

The plan, previously presented by Mike West, will be re-submitted for review. (with the addition of weekly or bi-weekly assessments) If agreed upon, an inspection from the health department could be scheduled as early as next week.

Included in the plan are the costs for hiring lifeguards, renting porta-potties, supplies to rope off separate areas and sanitizing supplies.

Chatham Area Recreation Project (CARP) has agreed to fund this project for the summer of 2020

2. Report from John Wapner

A. Revised Park Plan – Goal is to get this on the July Town board meeting agenda. Only a few hours of work will be needed to make the report ready for review. Anita, Mike and Betsy will help.

B. Fall Plans for after- school programs in Crellin Park

Anita and Mike have met with Nancy Carrizales (Chatham Kid’s Club) to discuss the possibilities. John has asked if CARP would get involved to help finance this project.

Judi Matthews has volunteered to help.

3. Report from Jay Thorn

A. Skatepark – now that construction has resumed the updating and maintenance of the Skateboard Park at Crellin will begin again in July.

B. Dock at Smith Pond – title search is resuming to determine ownership of the land. Once completed, the dock should be ready for launch.

C. Fitness Trail at Crellin Park – Carp members walked the grounds to view existing fitness trail to ensure social distancing could be achieved. A map of the area has been requested to help plan the new equipment layout with the manufacturer.

4. Report from Kevin Weldon

A. Crellin Park Day – this event has been canceled for it’s regular time of August due to Covid. A recommendation was made that we could possibly have an event in the Fall at the park. It might be able to celebrate the new pavilion and/or the opening of the trail systems. This way the momentum from the last Park Days will not be lost completely.

B. Volunteers allowed to work in the Park – we are awaiting the OK from the Town to allow volunteers to work in the Park again.