

Park and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
12-15-2020
6:15 PM via Google Meet

In Attendance: Kevin Weldon, Vance Pitkin, John Wapner, Michael West, Anita Fiorillo, Judi Matthews, Jay Thorn, Jesse Ortiz, James Marks, Betsy Winters-Russell

1. Park Plan Update

Kevin Weldon urged all of us involved to submit our changes/corrections/changes to him so the plan can be submitted to the Town of Chatham board soon.

John Wapner reinforced the importance of submitting the plan during this town budget period.

2. Recreation Directors Report

Volunteer Day (for the trails) was successful. Work was done on the hill behind PS21 that connects to Crellin Park trail.

Columbia County Mountain bike Alliance has been helpful and wants to continue working on the trails.

Pump Track designers have been contacted by Mike. The group that sponsors the Gravel Grinder is interested in raising funds for this projects construction.

3. CARP Report

CARP will be willing to help fund the Pump Track if necessary

Final touches are needed for the Skatepark (additional light and cement sealing). Best chain of communication with Crellin Park Foundation was discussed

Fitness Trail at Crellin Park is going forward with plans being done by Jay Thorn and Taylor Call

The possibility of moving and expanding the Town's (CABA) Farmers Market to Crellin Park in the future was discussed

Lights for the tennis courts at Crellin Park are on a wish list for improvements at Crellin Park.

Jay Thorn has suggested reaching out to the members of the Old Chatham Tennis Club to raise money for the lights.

Ice Skating at Crellin Park for 2021 was also discussed if weather permits

4. Polar Plunge Update

The suggestion was made to have Al Meier chair this project. We decided to pick a day in January 2022 that falls on the Martin Luther King holiday weekend.

5. Pavilion Construction Issues

Reports from both Vance and Mike showed many issues have been resolved (kitchen regulations and propane hook-up)

Acoustics remain as an unresolved issue that needs serious attention to make the pavilion truly usable as an event location.

6. PS21 Grant Support Letter

Town Board agreed that it is appropriate to endorse PS21 to access grant money for projects.

7. Comp Plan Questionnaire

Any comments or suggestions should be sent to Kevin prior to our January 2021 meeting.

Meeting Adjourned Dec 15, 2020 7:10PM

NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 19, 2021 6:15pm VIA GOOGLE MEET