

## Minutes of Haworth Recreation Commission

Meeting held in person on May 1st, 2023 at Haworth Library.

### Present:

- Robert Hoyng
- Tina Stratton
- Drew Krasny
- Howard Lau
- Sam Borek
- Robert Rose

### Guests:

- Bonnie Borghi, Parks and Playground
  - Thomas Runge, Department of Public Works
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The meeting came to order at 8:01pm.

### **Discussion with Bonnie and Thomas to discuss playing fields, permit fees and wish list for improvements.**

#### Ideas for Improvements/Wish List:

- Basketball Court at Memorial Field: Needs to be redone from scratch as damage is deep within the layers. Bonnie stated that it is possible to apply for an open-space grant. Bonnie to get quotes.
- Building at Memorial Field used for storage by Rec, Haworth Arts. Building needs some external work - painting & gutters (?). Bob advised that Kim Barba is trying to source volunteers so that food can be offered during games.
- Bonnie would like to install a plaque at Memorial Field.
- Bocce courts need fixing. Could also be used for Corn Hole. Sam suggested potential for reinstating local Bocce tournaments.
- Myrtle Field - need to confirm sizing, to see if possible to expand to a full size soccer field. Potential for increased usage, and revenue.

#### Field Permits and Fees

- All in attendance agreed that funds raised from field permits should go towards field maintenance.
- All in attendance agreed that field permits need to be increased, keeping in line with surrounding towns.

- All in attendance agreed that there is a need for a documented “step-by-step” which will outline the process for booking field space, payment of permits and distribution of funds. This document should be circulated to all involved with the use of the fields (Parks & Playgrounds, DPW, Rec, Borough Hall, Jim Oettinger).

All in attendance agreed that Parks & Playgrounds merge with Haworth Rec. Howard to present this at Mayor and Council Meeting.

Tina to create a shared Google Document outlining a joint Wish List from P&P & Rec. Once all members of P&P and Rec have contributed and voted, this Wish List will be presented to the Mayor and Council.

### **Discussion of 2023 Rec Events.**

- Vote to approve April minutes – Unanimous vote.
- Fishing Contest: Saturday, May 6th (Rain Date May 13th) 11am-1pm
- Summer Rec
  - 30 plus kids signed up as of 5/1
  - Bob to check insurance regarding rental of an inflatable water slide.
  - 3+ new counselors to be recruited. Drew to help with the interview process.
  - Sam recommended that all staff should have background checks.
  - Bob is looking into sourcing CPR training for all staff.
- Vote to approve Haworth Day Vendor Fees – Unanimous vote.
  - Vendor Fees to remain as per 2022. Motion to approve: Sam. Second: Rob
    - Promotional Vendor \$50.00
    - Retail Vendor \$75.00
    - Food Vendor \$150.00.
    - Non-Profit FREE
  - New for 2023: \$50 ‘suggested fee’ for any storefront downtown Haworth businesses. Tina to prepare a separate vendor contract for downtown business owners.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 pm.

Addendum for recording purposes:

Members of Rec collectively agreed (on 4/5/23 via email vote) to donate 1 six-week camp space to the HHSA for their Annual Spring Fundraiser (value: \$1,275).

-Respectfully submitted, Tina Stratton