**Marshfield Recreation Department**

**900 Ferry Street**

**Recreation Commission Meeting**

September 23, 2020 Meeting called to order 6:06pm

Marshfield Recreation Commission Meeting attendees via Zoom:

Gary Pina, Denis Kelleher, Brian Spano, Brian Robinson, Craig Jameson, Nancy Bowers

Guest Via Zoom: RS Proton, Russ Ellis, Craig Alvey, Gayle Salemme, Marion and Ray Ledouski, Beth Triner, Anne Gillespie, Paula Broome, Chipa Godding, Linda Diachman, Joey Butler, Mary Beth Ladd, Kim Jackson

Craig Jameson: Pickleball Peter Igo Park (PIP) caters to everyone is our main goal. There will be 4 new courts at Boys and Girls Club (B&G) and 2 at Council on Aging.

Anne Gillespie: PIP has improved; taping is working, attitude better than last year. Winter play at B&G?

Craig Jameson: Unfortunately we cannot use the schools for pickleball due to Covid-19.

Craig Alvey: B&G hosting other programs right now. Pickleball at PIP has been great, challenges with tennis players. Pickleball on tennis courts.

Gary Pina: USTA encourage putting blue line for the kitchen, there is room. Got estimates for High School lines painted and was not cost effective. Lines are already at PIP. Been there on 60’ JV court. We need to find a balance.

Beth Triner: Issue that tennis players have are; they don’t mind the pickleball players but have to relinquish the court if a parent come with a child if that parent doesn’t feel comfortable asking. Gary Pina: I would hope they abide by their time.

Craig Jameson: Large court time limit is 1 ½ hours, Jr court 45 minutes if people are waiting. Gary Pina suggests redoing signage.

Anne Gillespie: Says she plays a lot and has let families in to play. Gary Pina: Has not seen anyone waiting and has been there often. These are public courts, we are not catering to anyone group, we are catering to everyone.

Beth Triner: Good to hear she does not witness it.

Russ Ellis: Everyone enjoying using courts. Access for everyone not completely utilization on each court. No signage maybe should be use pickleball not tennis if open.

Gary Pina: Redo signage will send out USTA article.

Maureen Godding: Pickleball this morning, playing for 2 years, family of 4 came and we always relinquished the court.

Beth Triner: Happy to hear accommodation the pickleball players are making, lines are not designed for pickleball.

Gary Pina: If people draw lines with chalk, it will wash away, put a line for the kitchen.

John Salemme: Chalk on tennis courts on 2 occasions difficult when playing tennis. Chalk doesn’t come off easy. No chalk should be used.

Gary Pina: Take into consideration we cannot control everyone. Can use painter’s tape.

John Salemme: Blue tape uses? Do you realize for tennis this is easy to trip on, concern for tripping hazard.

Gary Pina: Suggests using tape, no one has tripped.

John Salemme: Suggests putting up signage that says no chalk on regular courts.

Gary Pina: We will discuss it with the Recreation Commission

John Salemme: It affects the integrity of the game.

Gary Pina: We will not go there.

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Gary Pina: We all need to take a moment.

Linda Daichman: Glad signage says something and time limits. Chalk lines and tape are problematic. Blue tape scary, presently rehabbing from an accident on those courts not caused by either.

Paula Broome: Tape or chalk no other option. No one has fallen due to either.

Gary Pina: We will take all of this into consideration, its good you brought this to our attention.

Anne Gillespie: Asked if Craig will put out an email when B&G has indoor courts for pickleball.

Craig Jameson: I will put out email

Craig Jameson: Summer revenue, hard to run summer programs, 8 weeks revenue very low $24,360. Any other given summer $100,000 in revolving fund. We are financially fine as of August 7.

Extended Day trying to work with B&G, with schools not knowing and not approved until not long ago. Numbers very low for Extended Day. Attempting to start 10/12.

Remote learning was approved by Board of Health. EEC has to deem us eligible to be exempt.

Hired 4 new employees to work remote towards the end of October.

Program we are thinking of opening is for kindergarten children who have opted out of school this year.

Can’t say enough about Susan Porter

Gary Pina: Asked if there was any fall recreation program being run. Craig Jameson: No sports

Gary Pina: Wanted to thank Craig, Nancy and Susan. Craig did a great job on field presentation

Craig Jameson: Multi Use courts at B&G they knocked down the trees.

We will be using new system MyRec.com for scheduling, much better system, and our goal is to have it up and running November 9, 2020

Facility Maintenance and Cleaning: Playgrounds are being sanitized 2X a week by Bottoms Up Detailing

Michael Maresco and Patrick Dello Russo bought us 3 sanitizing backpacks, for DWS, MES and Library Plaza.

We are getting lots of complaints about not social distancing at Skate Park.

We applied for CPC Money for a playground structure and shade shelter at Coast Guard Hill. Denis helped us with the application; this will bring more traffic to Coast Guard Hill. This will also enhance our programing here.

Gary Pina: Karen O’Donnell notified me and he will go to Zoom Meeting for a spot on Open Space committee.

Gary Pina: The 5 year plan should be sent to Selectman, Goal is to build a new facility at Coast Guard Hill.

Gary: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:12. Next Meeting set for October 28, 2020