

Ocean Pines Recreation & Parks Advisory Committee

March 7, 2017 Meeting Minutes

OPA Administration Bldg, Board Room

7:00pm

Attendance: Matt Groves, Marie Gilmore, Skip Schlesinger, Tim McMullen, Tres Denk, Greer Groves, Jim Wahl

Absent: Terri Mohr, Brad Gibson

Agenda

Old Business:

Review and acceptance of February 2017 meeting minutes; Written confirmation on the following committee appointments were recognized: Skip was appointed to a 2nd term of 2 years, Marie was appointed to serve a 3rd term of 1 year, Tres was appointed to serve a 3rd term of 1 year.

New Business:

Since no BOP members were in attendance, we did not receive progress reports on several ongoing projects. On 3/27, the rec committee chair met with the Rec Dept Director Colby Phillips , who updated the progress of the following projects.

1. White Horse Park

- a. Rest Room Facilities are opened to the public.
- b. Playground equipment is scheduled to be power- washed in the last two weeks of March (OPA Public Works)

2. Community Center

- a. New Gym Floor – lines are down for two pickle ball courts.
- b. IT for Rec & Parks – June 1 is the target date for installation. This program will be an asset for the collection of data for the Summer Youth Program and other recreation programs.

3. Huntington Park

- a. Playground equipment will be installed on April 17th.
- b. Fields will be seeded this spring and opened for play in the fall of 2017

4. Manklin Meadows

- a. HarTru Courts – Three courts were playable this winter. These courts are being rolled and watered.
- b. Installation of Pickle Ball Courts- Weather must be in the 60s for lines to be painted. Projected date is mid-
- c. River Valley Playground Project has a 5/1 target date for completion.
- d. Lines for parking lot will painted this spring by Public Works.
- e. The new Racquet Sports Director is Erin Starr, who will start on May 1,

5. Aquatics / Lighted path around the South Gate Lake

- a. Greer Groves informed the committee of the inequities of fees being charged for swim team membership.
- b. Greer suggested the committee discuss the potential improvement of the South Gate Lake by adding solar lights to the jogging/walking trail.

6. 50th Anniversary Celebration Committee

- a. The committee agreed to support and offer assistance once requested by the ad-hoc committee. The meeting was held on March 27 and chaired by Jenn Cropper.

7. BOD Recreation Budget

- a. Skip Schlesinger shared with the committee his concerns concerning the OPA budget. The three OPA amenities: Golf, Country Club and Yacht Club have previously and continue to incur capital expenditure, in excess of routine maintenance. In his opinion, the Tennis amenity and Recreation and Parks Dept. deserve a considerate amount of attention and potential capital going forward. The committee strongly supports Skip's statements.

Submitted: 03/31/2017

T. McMullen