

Town of Stanford Recreation Commission Meeting

December 9, 2020

Via Zoom Conference Call

Recorded by Sara Knickerbocker

Present: Lauren Osterman, Teddy Secor, Jess Odell, Richard Bell, Mary Weinberger, Mike Denatale

Absent: Antonio Igentio

Meeting begins at 7:05 pm

Noller Way

A senior at Stissing Mountain High School, Emily Henry, wrote a letter to Wendy Burton to discuss the dangers of having Noller Way open to traffic through the Rec Park between the ball fields. The Town Board had decided at their previous meeting that the road should be closed and the gates to the entrances of the road will be shut but left unlocked. Signage will be placed on the gates indicating that no thru traffic will be permitted. Lauren asked if it could be advertised better that the driveway between the BigRock Farm Market and apartment complex leads to parking for the ball fields. The Town owns the driveway. Mike said according to the parcel access the address for the Rec is 44 Noller Way, Google Maps lists the Rec as 86 Creamery Rd. Lauren would like to know more about why it is a Town road and why the traffic pattern for exiting Noller Way is the way that it is. She will talk to Jim Meyers about it. *Richard arrives* Lauren would like to figure out a traffic pattern for exiting and entering the Park from both parking lots and how to label them properly.

Salvage of Fortress Building

Mary spoke to Wendy Burton about potentially salvaging parts of the Fortress building garage to offset costs. Wendy will investigate with the company that is doing the work.

Soccer Program will be placed on the January agenda.

MyRec Registration program is based on the amount of revenue the department is going to be generating. Mike has information on the program that he will send to Lauren to review.

The Art Show survey will be sent out in January after Lauren has collected more email addresses via Facebook promotion.

Tennis Court Fundraising

Richard motioned for the Recreation Commission to undertake fundraising efforts for the tennis courts in the projected amount of \$150,000, these funds will hopefully be offset by Town assistance, Fortress funds, or other capital improvement funds, in addition to private donations. Mike seconded the motion. All in favor, Richard Bell, Mike Denatale, Jess Odell, Teddy Secor. Motion passed.

Lauren had created an excel sheet with quotes to get comparisons on each project to see what each component of the project should cost. All new bids will have to be done in the spring as labor and material costs will likely change. Wendy will open a separate account for the fundraising effort. It is unclear at this time if the Rec would need to submit sealed bids, that will have to be discussed with the Town Board. There was also discussion of finding out if the Highway department can be used to offset costs if they are able to do demolition, fencing, or waste removal. Richard suggests that a separate tennis court donation committee be formed to start the contact process of finding private donors. The committee would be made up of Commission members as well as members of the public that have a vested interest in the project. Richard and Mary also suggest the possibility of creating donor plaques or benches to honor large donors, they would like to find ways to acknowledge their contributions. Lauren commented that the courts may need to be closed this spring due to safety concerns, she will decide in the spring.

Minutes from Nov 11 meeting are approved, January 13 is the next Rec Meeting.