

Town of Amherst Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 11th, 2022

5:00pm via Zoom

Attendees:

Tony Day

Dick Duquin

Tim Gardner

Pam Hart

Kim Kriner

Michael MacDonald

Jacqui Berger, Amherst Town Board Liaison

Shawn Lavin, Amherst Town Board Liaison

Mary-Diana Pouli, Executive Director/Youth & Recreation Department

Eric Guzdek, Recreation Specialist/Youth & Recreation Department

Call to Order

- A. Mr. Gardner called the meeting to order at 5:01pm.
- B. *Mr. Duquin made a motion to approve the minutes from December 2021, seconded by Mr. MacDonald. Motion passed.*

Presentation/Public Comment

The Commission welcomed Shawn Lavin, new Town Board Liaison and welcomed back continuing Town Board Liaison, Jacqui Berger.

New Business

A. 2022 Meeting Calendar

The Commission agreed to continue to meet every second Tuesday of the month for 2022.

B. 2022 Golf Fees

Mr. Duquin relayed the fee proposal from Indigo to the Commission. The fee structure is similar to the 2021 season because last year was not a "full season" under the management of Indigo, with just slight increases.

Mr. Duquin made a motion to approve the fees for the 2022 golf season, seconded by Mrs. Kriner. Motion passed.

C. Ice Rink CIP Project

Mr. Guzdek explained that the Feature Rink will need a new plant and flooring due to a failure to the current system. He is asking the Town Board for an amendment to the 2022-2023 CIP Budget to cover the cost of the repairs for the rink in order to be ready for 2023 season.

D. 2022 Liaison Assignments

The Commission agreed to the following assignments:

Mr. Duquin: Golf

Mr. MacDonald: Daemen College, Football, AYB, Soccer

Mr. Gardner: Baseball

Mrs. Hart: Racquet Sports

Mr. Day: Rec Facilities, Lacrosse

Mrs. Kriner: Skatepark, Parks & Playgrounds, Skating Club

Mr. Lavin: Ice Hockey

Ms. Berger: Softball, Individuals with Disabilities

The Commission discussed inviting representatives of the different sports leagues to make an annual presentation at a meeting.

Liaison Reports

Mr. Lavin stated that he was happy to be named as liaison and looks forward to working with the Commission and the Department.

Ms. Berger stated that she and Mr. Guzdek continue to work with the various sports leagues in Amherst, overseeing the construction progress of the new fields. Ms. Berger also reported on the RFP for a golf architect to look at Audubon, Par 3, and the driving range to come up with multiple iterations of a plan.

Executive Director/Program Report

Ms. Pouli reported that the Department paused programming last week except for after school due to the COVID surge in the county. This week everything is back on schedule except for pre-school programming due to staff shortages due to COVID. Additionally, the Family Room is back to reservation only rather than drop-in. Other outreach programs have been halved to help with social distancing. Youth & Rec Department staff is working with Senior Center staff to develop wellness programming going forward.

Facilities Report

Mr. Guzdek reported on the on-going construction of the fields and infrastructure at the NARC, Lou Gehrig, and Jurek as well as the Amherst Girls softball site. Mr. Guzdek is now a representative of the disabled section on the council of USA Hockey and will be attending the annual meeting later this month.

Chairperson's Report

No report

Liaison Reports

- A. Daemen College, AYB, Football – No report
- B. Skatepark, Parks & Playgrounds, Amherst Skating Club – No report
- C. High School Baseball, Little League Baseball, Youth Softball, Adult Softball – No report
- D. Golf – A capital plan is being formulated for 2022 & 2023
- E. Ice Hockey, Town Recreation Facilities – No report
- F. Individuals with disabilities – No report
- G. Racquet Sports, Soccer, Lacrosse – No report

Correspondence

No report

Press Releases/News Articles

None

Adjournment

Mrs. Kriner moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Duquin. Meeting adjourned at 5:35pm.

Next meeting is February 8, 2022 at 5:00pm via Zoom