

**THE CITY OF WHITE PLAINS
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION & PARKS
RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2018
MINUTES**

Attendance

Present

Honorable John Martin, Chairman	Commissioner Wayne Bass
Kevin Scully	Michele Schoenfeld
Evelyn Santiago	Cayne Letizia
Leonard Gruenfeld	Christopher Kent
Charles Morgan	
Joanna Falisi	

Absent

Deputy Commissioner Fran Croughan	Richard Sanchez
Christine Eifler	Johnathan Schere
Frank Williams	

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Martin.

Old Business

Visioning-Commissioner Bass reported scheduled meetings with staff were cancelled for various reasons. He said meetings will be rescheduled and he has already observed cooperation among the staff with each other.

Community Pass-New recreation registration software; two staff training are scheduled. The plan is to have the software operable for the Camp Fair registrations February 3.

Fee Schedule-Reviewed at last meeting; reviewing changes of Recreation ID for pool pass and Bark Park fee's. Commissioner said proposal is requesting a swim fee: \$15 youth/senior, and \$25 adults. Commissioner Bass stated swim fee is very reasonable compared to other municipalities annual fee's. Dog Park fee: Yearly fee (July 1 to June 30), \$25 Resident and \$50 Non-Resident. Enforcements: ID tags and extend Field Marshal patrol to include Dog Park. Motion to accept new fees by Michelle Schoenfeld and second by Christopher Kent.

New Year Eve-Commissioner reported despite the weather approximately 8,000 people in attendance. Minor mishap, fireworks went off approximately two minutes early. Commissioner said the fireworks were great as well as the entertainment show by Larger than Life.

Chairman Martin requested approval of minutes, minutes approved by Kevin Scully, seconded by Michelle Schoenfeld.

Winterfest-Commissioner Bass reported attendance improved, the entertainment was well received and the vendors did well.

New Business

Budget- Continuing to work on our submission which is due in Early February. New equipment is needed at some of the parks: basketball hoops, new backboards, replacement of swings inventory, and wind screens for tennis courts, bases for ball fields. A complete equipment assessment will be done by Spring. Commissioner advised Committee that current budget is operating and not capital budget (facility improvements and additions). Discussion on various uses, changes and expansion potential for Delfino Park.

Question on future of Baldwin Farm-Commissioner said no major plans. He is currently working with the gardeners and plans to enforce rules. All gardeners will sign receipt for copy of rules at registration.

Mattison Park Part II- The older children playground is on Capital Project Plan list for 2018-19 budget year.

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City Guide- No major changes. Graphic artist will receive by end of week. New program: 50 and Older Softball League Daytime, Youth Rugby, Answer To Cancer 5K Run sponsored and operated by White Plains Hospital.

Questioned-why not use pictures of White Plains in the brochures. Commissioner Bass said high definition pictures are very costly compared to clip art pictures. Ms. Schoenfeld suggested reaching out to a high school student who may take on the project for credit.

Upcoming Events

Camp Fair-Commissioner Bass said it is projected that this year's fair will have good participation. Parents will take advantage of the early registration because of the limited availability and discount pricing. Commissioner also said he is looking forward to the new registration software.

Chairman Martin requested motion to adjourn, motion by Ms. Schoenfeld and second by several.