

MASSENA JOINT RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MAY 12th, 2020 MEETING

Dave MacLennan called the regular monthly meeting of the Joint Recreation Commission to order at 3:00 pm Via ZOOM, on Tuesday May 12, 2020. In attendance were George Hammill, John Horan, John Meddings and Gary Gushlaw. Liaisons and members of the press were not in attendance.

A motion was made by Gary Gushlaw to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Seconded by George Hammill and approved by all.

MOTION CARRIED.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Mike McCabe

Everyone had, on hand, a copy of the financial report as well as the breakdown in revenues for the month of May:

- **Arena Ice Fees**- We are down for the month \$6,000 and down \$10,000 on the year to date.
- **Rec Skating**- Up \$50 on the month and up \$200 on the year to date.
- **Sponsors**- We received no monies for the month.
- **Advertising** - We received no monies this month for advertising.
- **Rec Commissions**- We did not receive any monies for Rec. Commissions this month.
- **Equipment Rental** - We received no monies for Equipment Rental this month
- **Commissions**- Up \$250 for the month. This brings us slightly up on the year to date.
- **Concessions** – Concessions were not open. We received no revenue for the month. This brings the year to date down to just about where we were for last year.

Year End Projections: In the past few years we have added \$60,000-\$70,000 to our general fund due to the fact we have exceeded our revenue expectations and have not spent our allotted funds. This year as a result of circumstances beyond our control we will only be able to add about \$20,000 to the general fund. This matter was discussed in length with all of the Board Members.

OLD BUSINESS

Sportsman Expo – This event has been canceled for 2020. I spoke with John Hurd and he is already planning for next year's show.

Street Hockey Sundays- We have canceled this event until further notice. Once we get directive that this kind of programming is allowed, we will start as soon and as safely as possible.

EOC & COVID-19- Jessica & I are continuing to act as Liaisons for the Emergency Operations Committee. The tasks we are doing have minimalized significantly. I continue to attend daily meetings via Zoom. Twice per week in a larger meeting we discuss what is going on at some of the larger, local businesses (MED, the Hospital, Alcoa). We discuss

what they need, the latest updates, what measures they are taking, and just keep everyone on the same page. The current issue we are facing is getting the word out about testing so we can move from Phase 1 to Phase 2. We need to communicate that testing is available locally. We have a testing site located in Massena at the Outpatient facility at the hospital. You call to make an appointment, drive up to the testing site, you get your nose swabbed and they call you with the results. The testing numbers are counted by region and need to be increased to move into the latter stages of reopening. All aspects of recreation are considered Stage 4. I am trying to seek clarification on pickleball and tennis as golf is allowed. On May 21st I will be attending a Zoom meeting for area Recreation Departments from the Youth Bureau. All directives I currently receive come directly from the NYS Department of Health.

NEW BUSINESS

Ted Kot Fishing Derby – This event is usually held in May. I have reached out to Doug Crowley with NYS Parks to try and get a permit for late may/early June. He did not want to issue a permit at this time due to the uncertainty of the phasing. This event can be done anytime this summer, so I am thinking August. Donation letters for this event have went out to local businesses. The Italian American Club and the Rod & Gun Club have already contributed to this annual event.

Beach Parking Lot Resurfacing- Brian Terry from NYPA had mentioned we maybe up for resurfacing of our parking lot at the beach. I received estimates from Flynn, Patterson and B&C. We are just waiting to see if this project gets approved. This project would not affect our budget at all, NYPA will fully sponsor the resurfacing.

Beach Opening – I have submitted Lifeguard Certifications, Beach Manual, Permit, Application, and all supporting documentation to the Department of Health with a request for opening on May 23rd. I added an additional memo requesting any additional steps or precautions we would need to help with the opening. I do not anticipate approval of this opening request. I am still awaiting all directive from them; we are in a holding pattern at this time.

Upcoming Programming/Projects-

Summer Recreation: Brasher, Akwesasne, Canton are not holding any kind of summer programming for children. Potsdam has not made a decision as of yet due to the lack of attendance at their last Board Meeting. I have come up with several scenarios of opportunities that could happen for our local program if we decide to do Recreation. Schools are not allowed to operate safely, should Recreation move forward at this point without a vaccination? After an extensive conversation Board Members have decided to follow suit and not hold summer recreation in the year 2020.

While I have had sometime to plan different ideas for summer recreation, I am preparing for the idea that at some point our program being deemed as a summer camp. Louisville and Massena are the only local programs classified as Summer Programs. I think its inevitable that we are classified a Summer Camp soon. Potsdam will forward copies of their paperwork to review as we look to be proactive in idea of being planning for this change.

The rules we would have to follow would be stricter and CPR is required for all Summer employees. This matter will continue to be researched.

Soccer: We are hoping this still happens in late August/early September. We usually start advertising for sign-ups about this time. It is way too premature to do so with the uncertainty of the Phasing. We hope to have a successful season in 2020.

Tennis Courts: I met with Jeff Tyo about this project. He has contacted Grasse River Paving who advised it was not worth it to redo our tennis courts. They recommended just a resurfacing due to the cost. I have reached out to Vermont Tennis Company and sent them 5 videos yesterday showing them all aspects of our tennis courts. They are going to get back to me with a summary of work and a quote of what would need to be done to our tennis courts. I also requested the estimate to include the fencing.

Springs Park: I put out a bid looking to get rubber mulch for the park this summer. Bid will close by the end of May. I have purchased the replacement pieces for the (perimeter) retention wall for all the pea gravel we have at the park. It needs to be reset and we would pay for this project funded through our DASNY grant.

Softball: I have been in contact with all league director's, including youth softball. The Men's softball league is looking to start June 13th. We will have the fields ready but, are unsure of the status of the phases. We will need directive from the Department of Health and the Governor's Office before this can happen.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 9th @ 3pm at the Arena or Via Zoom.

Motion to adjourn and hold no Executive Session was made by John Horan, seconded by Gary Gushlaw and approved by all.

MOTION CARRIED.