

MASSENA JOINT RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF JUNE 9th, 2020 MEETING

Dave MacLennan called the regular monthly meeting of the Joint Recreation Commission to order at 3:00 pm at the Massena Arena, on Tuesday June 9, 2020. In attendance were George Hammill, John Horan, John Meddings and Gary Gushlaw. Liaisons Al Nicola & Herb Deshaises were in attendance. No members of the press were present.

A motion was made by George Hammill to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Seconded by John Horan 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 about \$8,000 on the year to date. We did receive two separate checks from Figure Skating- one check for \$1,386 and another for about \$5,000 that both went into the bank for June, the next fiscal year. So, these numbers are very similar to where we were last year with the late payments. The High School still has not settled up with their final payments as of report time.
- **Rec Skating**- Nothing new to report
- **Sponsors**- Nothing new to report
- **Advertising** - We received no monies this month for advertising.
- **Rec Commissions**- We did not receive any monies for Rec. Commissions this month.
- **Commissions** Nothing new to report.
- **Gifts & Donations** – We are down down \$225 for the month and \$85 from last year.
- **Concessions** – Nothing new to report

OLD BUSINESS

Ted Kot Fishing Derby – We still hoping to do this event later in the summer. We can offer a virtual contest or even have it later in the fall months.

Beach Parking Lot Resurfacing- Flynn's Driveway Sealing is sealing our parking lot at the Beach, as we speak. NYPA will be paying the entire cost of this project through reimbursement. This project will be finished by the time the beach opens.

We are currently getting the arena resurfaced through a grant that village had in its possession. This resurfacing will also allow us to add a few additional parking spots to the highway side of our building.

Beach Opening– We are looking at June 18th as opening day for our Beach. Lots of area beaches are looking for July 1st opening dates. Barnhardt is open and does not intend to have lifeguards at all this summer. I am revising our safety plan and creating a site-specific plan to ensure our adherence to the COVID-19 precautions. We have plenty of returning

lifeguard staff and only required one new lifeguard hire this year. We are looking to close the beach at 6pm this year instead of 8pm. The foot traffic was very slow during those times in years past.

Upcoming Programming/Projects-

Summer Recreation: Dave & I did have a follow up conversation about Summer Recreation with the Mayor. The consensus is still the same and Summer Recreation and the surrounding areas are still closing their programs.

Soccer: We are holding registration late June/early July and will only be a three-day window. We want to get this season started as quickly and as safely as possible. Parents are eager to get their kids into activities so we should have plenty of help.

Softball: Senior Women's softball is canceling their entire season this year. Men's MAA Softball looks to begin on June 26 when phase 4 reopening allows, and will run their regular season a little longer than usual. The other Women's league has sent in their schedule for a half season.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Bid for Rubber Mulch Purchase- I put out a bid looking to get rubber mulch for the Spring's Park this summer. Our lowest bid was \$22,400 for 60 tons from the company Rubber Recycle to replace the pea stone. We would pay for this project through a DASNY grant.

Springs Park Project- I have put a bid out for work to be done at Springs Park. We have a broken dinosaur staircase that also has a broken step. I have purchased a new dinosaur access staircase that has new stairs. The four pipes that hold this staircase need to be releveled. Also, I have purchased 26 perimeter barriers to be replaced. The lowest bidder would also put down the fabric and remove the 6 inches of pea gravel and install the rubber mulch. Everything for this project has been purchased except for the fabric. We would pay for this project through a DASNY grant.

Tennis/Basketball Court Resurfacing- This is another project we will putting out for bid. We did put this out for bid two years ago but, nothing came of it. I have consulted with several companies and initial recommendation that we remove the top few inches of pavement and then repaint at a cost of about \$300,000. Several other pavers & resurfacing companies believed it wasn't worth the money to do it this way. They suggested just resealing and repainting it at a cost of about \$30,000. Based upon the recommendation of the professionals we are going to just resurface and paint three tennis courts and two pickleball courts. Fencing needs to be reset around the perimeter. I have talked to Terry about working together to get this project done in house.

O'Reilly Auto Parts/Arena Parking- We have heard there is potential for a new business in the Harte Haven Plaza that will affect parking here at the Massena Arena. The initial drat was the building would basically start at the first parking spot in the first row going to about the 13th spot, right in front of our building. The Village has contacted the owner of the Harte Haven Plaza about moving the potential building a bit closer to Burger King. The revision

would open up three rows of parking in the front of our building. With this revision we would lose approximately 60 parking spots. The Village does not own this property, we do not have any rights to this area. We lease parking for \$1/per year.

Virtual Recreation– I have created a Virtual Recreation website. It is about 15 pages of activities for preschoolers to seniors. I include physical activity, educational activities, and craft activities and included a page of outdoor excursions with businesses that are open and create an opportunity to get out and about in the local and neighboring communities. There is a link on the Massena Recreation Web Page as well as our Facebook Page. As businesses continue to open, we will continue to keep the community updated.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday July 14th @ 9am at the Massena Town Beach.

Motion to adjourn and hold Executive Session was made by John Meddings, seconded by Gary Gushlaw and approved by all.

MOTION CARRIED.