

RED BANK PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Monthly Meeting Agenda

April 23, 2024 7 PM – Borough Hall Courtroom

Call Meeting to Order

-Meeting called to order at 7:02

Roll Call Attendance

Kathryn OBrien_Present_ Maureen Dolan Present Julie Flores-Castillo Present

Richard Blache Present John LeFever Present Melissa Moore Present

Pat Richter absent Nicole Taetsch Present Oscar Salinas (P & R Director) Present

Ben Forest (Council Liaison) Present

Acceptance of Minutes

- minutes from prior meeting were accepted unanimously

Public Comment

- there was no public comment

Item 1:

Marine Park Improvement Project Update – Borough Administrator

-borough engineer Michael Reiser gave an update on Marine Park, phase 1 construction phase 2 remaining amenities, entry plaza, water feature on union street, plaza area, relocating playground, landscaping improvement, rain garden
-phase 1 out to bid, process opens next week, phase 1 includes first constructing new parking lot and then converting existing parking lot to green space
-assume a few weeks to get bonds in place and confirm contracts, hope construction can begin in May or June, hoping to complete phase 1 in August
-committee members were able to ask questions about the project and plan to execute

Item 2:

Update of current P & R activities & events

- Spring Sports
 - o Baseball season going well so far
 - o First track practice was Monday, 60 athletes attended, Head Coach returned and we have an assistant coach this year
 - o Buddy ball continues, trying to move location to playground
- Summer Camp Staffing
 - o Received 20 applications for 16 jobs
 - o 2 supervisors hired, and a coordinator
- Summer intern hired for department, will help with late afternoon/evening events and programming
- Projects
 - o Playground at Count Basie hoping to be completed in next two weeks
 - o Baseball fields at count basie will get new backstops in June/July
 - o Discussed lights at Count Basie

Item 3:

Upcoming activities & events

- Volunteer Appreciation Plaque Presentation (April 25)
 - o Coach Joe Horan will receive a plaque at Thursday's Council Meeting - he has coached town sports for many years
- Parks & Rec 2024 Youth Employment Award Recipient
 - o Our department is receiving the award from the Monmouth County Division of Workforce Development on May 22nd
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Item 4:

New Business

- Adult programs
- Fitness classes at the Senior Center:
 - o Zumba classes will be on Tuesdays, from May 7th - June 25th
 - o Tai Chi classes will be after Zumba
- Friends of the Park (Katie)
 - o Katie provided a summary overview of research on what a "Friends of Red Bank Parks" would potentially do and how it could operate

Open Discussion

- Council meeting Thursday
- ROI grant for Red Bank Classic 5k, chair will arrive for race
- Summer movies, based on votes thus far, will likely be: Jurassic Park, Super Mario Brothers, Shrek, Godzilla vs. Kong
- Sponsorship for summer series: Roughly \$4,000 raised, on track to meet what was raised last year

Meeting adjourned at 8:35

Next Meeting will be held – Tuesday, May 27, 2024, 7pm Court Room