

**THE CITY OF WHITE PLAINS
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION & PARKS
RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
May 21, 2020**

MINUTES

Attendance

Present

Honorable Nadine Hunt-Robinson, Chairwoman
Commissioner Wayne Bass
Deputy Commissioner, Fran Croughan
Caroline Furry
Leonard Gruenfeld
Christopher Kent
Evelyn Santiago
Johnathan Schere
Michele Schoenfeld
Kevin Scully
Dr. Randy Stein

7:05pm - Meeting called to order by Chairwoman Honorable Nadine Hunt-Robinson
Motion to accept March minutes by Dr. Randy Stein, seconded by Kevin Scully.

Newsletter – since the pandemic began....we have been emailing a weekly newsletter that includes idea, activities, games, crafts and info for engaging their families while stay at home orders are in place. More recently this is serving as one of the primary vehicles we use to notify the public of openings. It is emailed to 10,000 people who we have listed in our database through program registrations.

Nutrition – we continue to deliver frozen meals to our seniors in our nutrition program who have requested assistance....they get 5 frozen meals a week which fulltime staff(Martha, Ariel, Courtney) deliver on Monday and Wednesday to about 25 people....we also recently delivered 60 bags of groceries to the residents of the Armory.

Camp /Pools- we are feeling that camp may not be possible....the recreation portion of the opening up phases is falling into phase 4...which is 8 weeks away at best (that would be late July)...currently we are unable to assemble groups at all...social distancing and mask guidelines would limit activities to a bare minimum....school facilities are limited as they will be doing thorough cleanings and will not reopen classrooms until September..they have asked us to consider purchasing tents for camp....busing to and from pools(if swimming is allowed) would be double the cost if we are required to social distance....required to take temperatures of staff and campers (ACA is recommending that temperatures for staff be taken daily 14 days prior to the start of camp) not possible....are we capable of guaranteeing that staff and campers will be

safe?...other municipalities have cancelled. We would consider offering neighborhood programs led by our full-time staff.

Pools – We are awaiting state guidelines

Tennis – The courts at Gillie need to be prepped by a contractor. We have hard-tru courts. The contractor is backlogged. We are hoping to have our courts open by June 1. In the meanwhile last weekend we worked with the WP School district to open their courts to the public for singles play...we are taking reservations for daily play and providing oversight of the court from 8am-6pm daily....we have staff on site during those hours

Playgrounds and Basketball courts are still close by order of the Mayor

Parks are open for passive use, this weekend the track at WPHS

85 Gedney – Initial plan would be to begin at 50% staffing rotation once the Stay at Home order is lifted. Currently have plastic barrier separating the customers from the staff ..however we are looking for a more permanent plexi-glass barrier.... Only allow 2 customer (families) in the registration area at a time..others would have to remain outside....upon entering they have hand sanitizer station available at the door and on the counter... all staff required to wear gloves, and masks.

Budget – cost savings measures will include FT staff taking on activity leadership, many special events have been cancelled, if camp and pools are cancelled there would be an impact on revenue, 3rd party collaborations may help in providing activities that would bring in revenue without expenditures

Farmers Market – will be opening on Court St on Wed, May 27 9am -2pm...the street will be monitored and if necessary entry regulated depending how crowded the street is. Masks required....vendors will have masks gloves. Tables set up so people cannot touch food products.

Memorial Day – Video available online and will air on WP cable on Monday and run every hour...Mayor introduces the video and this year's honoree, highlights from the 2018 parade and ceremony .

Jazzfest – revsioning...possibly some sort of video presentation

Battle Hill Dog Run – is almost ready by the end of the month will be open

Scoreboard –donated by WP hospital for Gardella Park basketball league

Motion to adjourn meeting by Chris Kent, seconded by Michelle Schoenfeld.