

**THE CITY OF WHITE PLAINS
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION & PARKS
RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
July 16, 2020**

MINUTES

Attendance

Present

Commissioner Wayne Bass	Deputy Commissioner Fran Croughan
Johnathan Schere	Evelyn Santiago
Michele Schoenfeld	

Absent

Honorable Nadine Hunt-Robinson, Chairwoman	
Richard Sanchez	Leonard Gruenfeld
Christopher Kent	Kevin Scully
Frank Williams	Charles Morgan
Randy Stein	

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Bass who chaired the meeting in Chairwoman Honorable Nadine Hunt-Robinson absence.

Approval of May minutes: postponed pending a quorum.

Commissioner Bass announced Honorable Nadine Hunt-Robinson was appointed Common Council President. The Mayor will assign a new chairperson to the RAC Committee.

COVID Update

85 Gedney Way-Shields installed on the counter, separating staffers from customers, only two customers are allowed in office at a time, face mask and social distancing is required. Registration is available online and/or by telephone.

The full time staffers will operate programs where social distancing is possible: Tennis Courts, Field marshaling, some outdoor programs and the operation of the Day Play camps in addition to their regular responsibilities.

Fall Programs-Evaluating program offering possibilities based on COVID guideline and cost effectiveness of running programs. Classes will be shortened and any programs that are a financial lost to the city will be cancelled.

The Guide will offer fall programs only. Currently COVID has too many restrictions and unknowns to offer all winter programs at this time.

Nutrition-The seniors are receiving delivery of five frozen meals a week. Plans are to open the Community Center four days a week, lunch will be served. Seniors will be notified in September of home delivery cancellation. Those who do not wish to return to the Center, will be referred to Meals on Wheels.

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Day Play-Half day camp program from 9a.m. to 12 p.m. at Gille Park for children K-2 grades. Grades 3-5 will be at held at Delfino Park. Gillie Park has 33 children enrolled, and Delfino has 50 enrolled. The camps are a mini version of our regular camp offering: movement, arts and crafts, entertainment, special activity, book mobile, movie day, safety day and the bubble bus. Snacks will be provided and each camper will go home with a bag lunch.

Battle Hill Bark Park- A new park is now open at Battle Hill. Bark Park permit is required for all dog parks, yearly fee \$25.

Pools-Pools are open to season pass holders only. Daily 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Swim time is limited to two hours sessions. The pool area is sanitized between each session; COVID inspector in place: everyone will complete a questionnaire and temperature check before entering the pool.

The children playgrounds are open but basketball courts at the parks are not allowed. Free Kayak in June approximately 100 people participated. Drive In Movies-Recreation and Parks hosted two movies, both sold out quickly. Two movies will be offered in September.

Tennis courts opened at Gillie in June, reservations are required and bathrooms will be opened this week. 130 permits sold to seniors, 73 to adults and 16 to youth. Currently revenue is over season projection. Mr. Schere commented the courts are in good shape and very busy. Required reservations is better and appreciated, the courts are very busy. The no cash system is easier and quicker. The only missing need, the opening of the restrooms.

Commissioner Bass reported playgrounds are open and fields are open to low/mid risk sports: baseball, softball and soccer are allowed. High risk activities: basketball, football, volleyball and hockey are on hold.

Sunscreen-Deputy Commissioner Croughan reported a three year partnership agreement with White Plains Hospital to supply free sunscreen in the parks. White Plains Hospital has partnership with a sunscreen company in Long Island that will supply 20 dispensers with White Plains Hospital and Recreation and Parks logo to White Plains Recreation and Parks. The dispensers will be installed at parks, pools, tennis courts, softball field, and Little League field. The sunscreen bags will be replaced from Memorial Day through October. The City approved and accepted partnership with White Plains Hospital for sunscreens at the various locations.

Playground ribbon cutting for Druss Park is scheduled for July 28th at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Bass stated he is very happy with the staff performance. They have been resilience, working hard, adjusting to the changes, no complaints, team players. Evelyn Santiago stated they are also appreciated of what the Recreation Department is doing. Ms. Schoenfeld also commended the Recreation Department for continued work, and doing nice and creative things for the people. Commissioner Bass thanked them and wished them good luck with the tremendous task school system have ahead of them.

Motion to adjourn by Michelle Schoenfeld and second by Evelyn Santiago.

Meeting adjourned